

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DOROTHY HUGHES

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Hughes, who died on July 26 at the age of 80. An activist in Marin County, California, for 35 years, Dorothy was a leader who cared deeply about her community and the people who live in it.

Born in Woodland, California, in 1923 on her parents' sheep ranch, she married Dr. Robert Leake with whom she had eight children. She attended Hamlin School in San Francisco, Stanford University, and, after her divorce, California State University in Sacramento, where she earned a master's degree. She moved to Marin in 1969.

Best known for her work on behalf of mental health programs, Dorothy was director of the Marin Association for Mental Health for two decades and was instrumental in the development of a mental health community care system. She also had a passion for children and youth, peace, human rights, and a goal of creating a caring world. She was a founder of, or active in, Community Action Marin, Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center, Marin Suicide Prevention Center, Buckelew Houses, Marin Family Action, Isoji, the Marin Peace and Justice Coalition, and the Campaign for a Healthier Community for Children.

Dorothy advocated both behind the scenes through lobbying and through community organizing. She was tireless in promoting the causes that will make our world a better place for all people, inspiring others with her conviction and forcefulness as well as her warmth. Her goal was nothing less than "a world that works for all of us."

When inducted into the Marin Women's Hall of Fame in 1991, Dorothy stated that it was her dream that one day there would be a progressive national policy on children and families. That is the same dream that inspires me to introduce legislation addressing the well-being of our nation's family and children . . . knowing that our future depends on them.

Dorothy is survived by her eight children, 17 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, as well as her sister and her niece. She was very devoted to her family and had moved to Sacramento last November to be near them.

Mr. Speaker, Dorothy Hughes liked to call herself "an old radical," and I can think of no higher tribute. She was a radical in the best sense, one who fought for all those in society who can't fight for themselves and who believed that creating a better world through our children was both necessary and possible. I join the many people who will miss Dorothy Hughes' friendship and bright spirit.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was absent attending to a previously scheduled commitment and missed the votes on Roll Call Number 490, on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 814, the Rule for S. 878, the Bankruptcy Judgeship Act; Roll Call Number 491, on H. Res. 814, the Rule for S. 878, the Bankruptcy Judgeship Act; Roll Call Number 492, on the Simpson Amendment to S. 878; Roll Call Number 493, on a Motion to Recommit S. 878 with Instructions; Roll Call Number 494, on Passage of H.R. 163, the Universal National Service Act; Roll Call Number 495, on Passage of H.R. 2929, the Safeguard Against Privacy Invasions Act; and Roll Call Number 496 on H.R. 5011, on Passage of the Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on Roll Call Number 490, "Yea" on Roll Call Number 491; "Yea" on Roll Call Number 492, "Nay" on Roll Call Number 493; "Nay" on Roll Call Number 494; "Yea" on Roll Call Number 495; and "Yea" on Roll Call Number 496.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BETTER FUTURE FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Better Future for American Families Act. This legislation will help increase access for low- and moderate-income American families to private retirement investments. Families are struggling to make ends meet and this tax credit will give them an extra incentive to invest in their future.

Since Social Security was created in 1934, the model for retirement savings has been a three-legged stool. The three legs of that stool are: Social Security benefits, private pensions, and personal savings and investment. Without one of those legs, the stool wobbles. As Reinhard A. Hohnhaus, an early private-sector authority on Social Security, explained, "Each (leg) has its own function to perform and need not, and should not, be competitive with the others. When soundly conceived, each class of insurance can perform its role better because of the other two classes." Unfortunately, some are advocating for a significant weakening of Social Security by taking funds away from this leg of the stool by allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security taxes in

personal accounts. Instead of weakening Social Security, I propose that we strengthen incentives for all Americans to invest in their retirement.

For years, Americans worked their entire careers with one company and could rely on a generous pension coupled with Social Security benefits to provide for a comfortable retirement. This is no longer the case. Workers change jobs more often, pensions have become less reliable in this world of Enron accounting, and the Social Security trust fund will be strained by the retirement of the baby boomers. In this environment, workers should be investing in individual retirement accounts, but due to rising costs in housing, health care, and other necessities, many families are no longer able to save for the future. While Congress has passed laws to create IRAs and 401(k) plans to encourage investment, more than 90 percent of the tax benefits the federal government offers to help families save go to households earning more than \$50,000. We need to broaden these incentives to include all Americans, especially those whose struggle to cope with the costs of living here and now are causing them to ignore their future financial security.

One of the most sensible tax credits enacted by the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 was the Saver's Credit, which offered low- and moderate-income workers up to a dollar-for-dollar credit for contributions to an individual retirement account or a qualified employer-sponsored plan. The credit phases out rapidly as income rises, so this is truly a tax break for middle class Americans. Unfortunately, this tax credit is scheduled to expire in 2006. Even worse, as the Republican majority tries to extend every other tax cut from 2001, to the benefit of the wealthiest, this expiring tax credit for middle class Americans is being ignored.

My legislation would make the Saver's Credit permanent and would significantly expand the program to give help to millions by increasing benefits for families earning less than \$50,000. Additionally, although 57 million taxpayers are eligible for the maximum credit on paper, 80 percent of them cannot actually benefit because they do not have income tax liability. These families need as much help as anyone and my legislation would make them eligible for the Saver's Credit by making it a refundable tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this tax credit is the most fiscally responsible avenue for Congress to encourage personal savings and ensure that American families have financial security during their retirement years. Stripping money from Social Security only shifts the wobbling leg of the stool. This legislation would strengthen all legs and provide a solid foundation for retirement for all Americans. I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

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RECOGNIZING THE SONOMA
INDEX-TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Sonoma Index-Tribune Newspaper, which has been selected as the Business of the Year by the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Over its 125 year history, this family-owned newspaper has won hundreds of national, state and local awards: including First Place for Best Local News Coverage by the National Newspaper Association in 2004, the Environmental Business Award from the Sonoma Ecology Center in 2003–2004, the Howard Grothe Award for Progressive Contributions to Newspaper Advertising from the California Newspaper Advertising Executives Association in 2002, the James Madison Freedom of Information Award for Investigative Journalism from the California Newspaper Advertising Executives Association in 2001, the Lincoln Stephens Investigative Reporting award from Sonoma State University and the Sonoma County Press Club in 2001, the Justice F. Craemer Newspaper Executive of the Year Award to Bill Lynch from the California Press Association in 2001, the Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation Award in 2001 and the Community Partnership Award from the Sonoma Valley Education Foundation in 1999.

The Index-Tribune was selected to receive this award not only because of its journalistic excellence but also because the paper and the Lynch Family contribute to the community in many other ways.

The newspaper has been an exemplary employer and has been a training ground for many fine journalists throughout its history.

Over the years the paper has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars of free advertising space to non-profit organizations serving the Sonoma Valley. CEO and President Bill Lynch and his brother, CFO and Publisher Jim Lynch have personally contributed countless hours to a variety of community organizations, including the Hanna Boys Center, the Valley of the Moon Boys and Girls Club, Sonoma Valley Hospital, Field of Dreams, Maxwell Park and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, through its industry excellence, its community involvement and its employment practices, the Sonoma Index-Tribune has earned a position of prestige in the Sonoma Valley. It is appropriate for us today to honor Bill and Jim Lynch, the paper and its many employees both past and present.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD D. MURRAY USAF (RET) ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIFORMED SERVICES

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a great American patriot and tireless

worker on behalf of our military, veterans and dependents.

Major General Richard D. Murray, USAF (Ret), is retiring as the President of the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS), an association that he has led for the last six years. In and out of uniform, General Murray has displayed longstanding dedication to our great country in a career that spans over 50 years. For over a half century, General Murray has championed countless causes on behalf of the people who comprise the military community.

I first met General Murray just after his arrival at NAUS in 1998 where he immediately reiterated NAUS' emphasis on improving the military health system. He aggressively sought changes in law that would ensure that active duty and military retirees receive the high-quality healthcare that they earned. Despite stiff opposition from the Department of Defense, General Murray pressed hard for the government to honor the lifetime medical care promise and for the Department of Defense to implement a realistic pharmacy benefit for its Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, initiatives that I strongly supported and led as a member of the House Armed Services Committee and Veterans Affairs Committee. General Murray also initiated NAUS' unique programs such as the "NAUS Misfortune 500" program to assist lower income retirees with the high cost of their prescription drugs.

I have especially enjoyed his leadership and support for legislation I authored called "TRICARE For Life" and the Senior Pharmacy Program. His support was important to our effort and our veterans owe him a debt of gratitude.

General Murray was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Texas in 1954. He received his commission through the University's Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps in March 1954.

General Murray served 31 years in the United States Air Force. During his distinguished career in the Air Force, he served in various assignments in the United States and overseas in positions of increasing responsibility. His last assignment was as Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service from 1981 to 1985. After retiring he continued to serve as the President of the American Logistics Association.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation

Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal First Class and Republic of Vietnam Air Service Medal Honor Class.

I wish General Murray and his wife my very best as they devote time to their children and grandchildren.

In closing, General Murray is a man worthy of Congressional distinction in his private life and in the uniform that he has worn so honorably. I salute him. Job well done, my friend.

HONORING EDWARD UEBER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Ueber, a dedicated public servant and a passionate defender of our nation's marine resources. He is a man with a wide range of marine experiences, an inquiring mind, and a can-do attitude—all attributes that he has brought to bear in a 28-year career working first for the National Marine Fisheries Service and then the National Marine Sanctuary Program, where until recently he has served as the longtime manager of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries.

Ed Ueber has sea salt in his veins. As a teenager in the fifties he was a fisherman and seafood merchant. In the next twenty-five years he navigated and piloted Navy submarines and Merchant Marine ships, worked at a shipyard, earned an advanced degree in fisheries resource economics and management, consulted for the government of Brazil on fisheries management and was a University of Connecticut researcher.

With all of this nautical background, the National Marine Fisheries Service was lucky to have him come aboard as a fisheries economist in 1976. During that period, Ed published a number of peer review papers on a wide range of fisheries and resource issues.

By the late '80s Ed Ueber had amassed a wealth of experiences that for most people would have been a career in itself. But in 1990, when Ed was appointed the Manager of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and a year later Manager of the brand new Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, he began to take on legendary status. Ed Ueber, the resources economist, rolled up his sleeves and once again became a sailor, making the rounds of the sometimes-rough waters of the two Sanctuaries, and navigating the political shoals onshore.

Ed successfully fought a plan to indirectly dump wastewater into the Gulf of the Farallones; dealt with several oil spills, and a forgotten radioactive dumpsite at sea. At the same time, he brought the Sanctuary program to the public by creating the first Marine Sanctuary Beach Watch program, the SEALS harbor seal protection and education program, the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association and opening three visitor centers.

Ed also upheld the Sanctuary program's scientific mission with an intertidal monitoring program, a new ecosystem oceanographic evaluating system, and deep-sea studies.

He was and is immensely knowledgeable, with a disarming and impish sense of humor. And with those who would threaten the Sanctuary's resource he is a skillful negotiator and tough when he has to be. He is a communicator who can speak the language of researchers, fishermen, environmentalists, beach lovers—and even bureaucrats if he really tries.

Ed Ueber's love of the ocean and its creatures manifests itself in fierce protectiveness. He personifies the ideals of the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

This week as we honor the 15th Anniversary of the Cordell Bank National Marine

Sanctuary, one of the most biologically productive underwater areas on the planet, I also honor Ed Ueber, its first manager, a man to match the bounteous and awe-inspiring resource he has protected for so many years.

IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 163, THE
UNIVERSAL NATIONAL SERVICE
ACT

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret that a previous commitment prevented me from being present to vote on H.R. 163, Mr. Rangel's Universal National Service Act.

This proposal would require that all young persons in the United States, including women, perform a period of military service or a period of civilian service for the national defense and homeland security. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Both the President and the Secretary of Defense have stated on more than one occasion that there is no need for a draft for the War on Terrorism or any likely contingency, such as Iraq. I believe the All-Volunteer Military Force has operated effectively for over thirty years. I fully agree with the Administration that there is no need for a military draft, and I do not support the Rangel bill.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL W. NYE

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. LARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and offer my congratulations to Mr. Michael (Mike) W. Nye, Director of Investigations, Office of Inspector General of the House of Representatives, for his outstanding career and service to the House of Representatives for the past six years, and to the Federal Government for thirty-two years. Mike will be retiring from the House this month after previously serving as a judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force, from which he retired in the rank of Colonel. Prior to joining the House Office of Inspector General, he also served as Counsel to the Inspector General of the Marine Corps. During his career, he gained widespread legal experience and has provided invaluable counsel to the House Inspector General and his colleagues at the House on a wide range of legal issues.

Mike put his skills to good use at the House and his advice and counsel has been widely sought as we strive to continuously improve controls and security over the financial and administrative operations of the House. His energy and "can do" attitude were an example to all of us and his keen insights into legal matters helped assure that the Office of Inspector General's reports consistently met our needs by providing candid and reliable advice on all aspects of House operations.

Always the consummate professional, Mike will be sorely missed by all of his colleagues, but he can take pride and satisfaction in his

service to our great nation. Truly, Mike was one of those rare individuals who made a real difference by improving every organization in which he served. Once again Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mike on his career and outstanding service to the House, and to wish him, and his lovely wife Judy, much happiness as they pursue new challenges in retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE CALIFORNIA
HIGHWAY PATROL AND THE CHP
OF LAKE COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to pay tribute to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in Lake County, California.

For the past 75 years, the CHP has had the motto "Safety, Security and Service." This reflects the mission and the intent of the CHP in Lake County.

The Lake County CHP consists of 32 uniformed members and five civilians. They are commanded by Lieutenant D.R. Hayward. In addition, a Vehicle Theft Investigator, Mobile Commercial Vehicle Inspector and a Motor Carrier Specialist are permanently deployed in the Lake County region. They are responsible for traffic and general law enforcement on roadways that cover 1825 square miles.

The Lake County CHP's commitment to the citizens of Lake County includes a very successful community outreach program. This program combines a dedicated community outreach officer along with Senior Volunteers and Explorers who act as a conduit for not only the general community but the Native American communities to interact with the Department and voice their concerns.

The Lake County CHP won the 2003 California Chief's Challenge as well as recognition for the 2003 Pedestrian Safety Corridor grant which was successful in reducing fatal collisions to zero during the duration of the grant.

The commander has implemented a collective program with Caltrans to continuously identify and mitigate any safety related highway designs. This program has had a quantifiable effect on reducing collisions and increasing traffic safety within the community.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it is most appropriate that we acknowledge and honor the CHP in Lake County for their service to the community. The CHP of Lake County has established a standard of dependability, bravery and hard work that should be followed in all communities.

HONORING MS. ELSA BIRCHWOOD
ON THE OCCASION OF HER RE-
TIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE
CHIEF OF THE ARMY RESERVE'S
STAFF GROUP

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the departure of a great lady and a good

friend, Ms. Elsa Birchwood, the Director of the Chief of the Army Reserve's Staff Group. For the past ten years, Ms. Birchwood served as a superb leader, counselor, mentor, and confidant not only within her own office, but also earned the respect from other components of the Department of Defense. She served with great distinction in a full military career that began with her enlistment in the Active Army, duty as a drill sergeant, and ultimately as a commissioned officer in the Active Guard and Reserve Program. Throughout this period, she proved herself to be an outstanding leader and thoroughly professional staff officer of great experience and compassion.

Ms. Birchwood's loyalty and reputation led to her return to Federal service in January 1994 as a civilian military personnel management specialist in the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve. She applied her skills to her congressional liaison activities, the White House and Executive Branch agencies. She was an invaluable point of contact for legislative matters and always made herself available to Members of Congress and their staffs. She responded rapidly to inquiries regarding Army Reserve programs and policies and individual personnel management problems. Her cooperative spirit, determination and perseverance gained her and the Department of Defense many friends and much good will.

Ms. Birchwood's reputation for candor and integrity spread throughout the Reserve community and senior leadership in the Washington area. By the time she was appointed the Director of the Chief, Army Reserve's Staff Group, she had become something of a legend and a cultural hero as an advisor to the Chiefs of the Army Reserve, other general officers, and their staffs. She was an enlightened manager, anticipating emerging issues before they impeded the agency's involvement in the Global War on Terror.

Despite myriad demands on her time, Ms. Birchwood always responded with detailed advice and refreshing candor. She mentored her subordinates and assisted in their professional development. She took personal and professional responsibility to prepare those she supervised to perform up to their potential and she never shirked that responsibility. She was at once enthusiastic and practical, offering long-range advice and suggesting specific immediate courses of action for achieving professional goals and objectives.

At the end of the day, Elsa Birchwood stands as a splendid role model for all who aspire to meaningful public service. She served her country well as a private soldier and officer, and as a distinguished civil servant. She rose to the grade of GS-15 and served with great distinction as a supervisor, mentor, counselor, and friend. Elsa never forgot that she was first a soldier. Elsa Birchwood deserves our thanks, and I salute her lifetime of service to America. We are proud of you and your legacy is now the standard. Job well done, my friend.

RECOGNIZING SPIRIT OF JACOB
MOCK DOUB AND EXPRESSING
SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT "NATIONAL
TAKE A KID MOUNTAIN
BIKING DAY" SHOULD BE ESTAB-
LISHED IN JACOB MOCK DOUB'S
HONOR

SPEECH OF

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the resolution, and do so on behalf of the 400 members of the International Mountain Bicycling Association in North Carolina, as well as the 1,500 members of affiliated cycling clubs.

It is appropriate that the House is considering this resolution today. On Saturday, I.M.B.A. brought together kids and adults across the country to hold the first "National Take A Kid Mountain Biking Day."

According to the Surgeon General, the percentage of youth that are overweight has nearly tripled in the last twenty years. Forecasts predict that the current generation of our children could actually have a shorter life expectancy than their parents. Childhood obesity is reaching epidemic proportions. Overweight adolescents have a 70% chance of becoming overweight or obese adults. NIH research indicates that the large increase in childhood obesity rates can be traced to overeating and a lack of exercise.

This resolution, Mr. Speaker, was drafted in memory of Jack Doub, an avid teenage mountain biker who had a passion for introducing others to the sport. Jack saw the need for kids to get off the couch, get outside, and get some exercise. After being introduced to mountain biking at age 11 near Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina, he won almost every cross-country race he entered for two years. Between the ages of 14 and 17, he became a top national-level downhill and slalom competitor. He actively encouraged others—particularly kids—to ride bicycles. He was a leader in every sense of the word.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

UNIVERSAL NATIONAL SERVICE
ACT OF 2003

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 163, a bill to re-instate the draft. I oppose the draft and do not want to see it brought back.

I added my name to this bill in order to promote an open, honest public discussion of the personnel crisis facing our military today, and in that sense I welcome today's vote. It is unfortunate, however, that H.R. 163 is being brought to the floor with only a few hours notice, depriving the American public of the extended exploration this problem deserves.

It is not a coincidence that today's vote is taking place as public uneasiness is rising with regard to the draft. It is obvious to everyone

that the demands of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan are narrowing the Administration's options. Our regular divisions and brigades are stretched to the limit. The Reserve and National Guard are being drawn upon to the point where they now comprise nearly half of all U.S. troops in Iraq. Stop loss is the order of the day, holding servicemen and women in uniform past their discharge dates. We're even dipping into the Individual Ready Reserve, calling up people who have completed not only their active duty obligations, but their active reserve obligations as well. Under these circumstances, the growing suspicions of the Administration's intentions in regard to a draft are well-founded.

In fact, I have found confirmation of those suspicions. KITV television news of Honolulu reported last night on a February 11, 2003, Selective Service System document which was provided to me recently and which I have shared with several of my colleagues. Judging from its contents, it appears to be a memo prepared for a meeting between the Acting Director of the Selective Service, the Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and other senior Defense and Selective Service officials. The document takes note of critical shortages of military personnel with certain skills and raises the idea of drafting them to alleviate the shortages.

Features of this "bring back the draft" memo include:

—Draft registration for women as well as men;

—Registration of all citizens and resident aliens between the ages of 18 and 34;

—Require registrants to submit periodic updates of their skills and education up to the age of 35;

—Draftees would be sent not only into the military, but also to the Department of Homeland Security, state, and municipal government agencies; and

—Suggests the House and Senate Armed Services Committees be asked to pass legislation to bring back this expanded draft.

The public deserves the chance to fully consider and discuss these radical ideas and participate meaningfully in any decision to adopt such drastic steps to address the very real personnel needs of our military forces stemming from the demands of multiple deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, and beyond. Bringing H.R. 163 to the floor for a vote without hearings, without warning, deprives the Nation and the Congress of an opportunity for that full consideration and discussion.

Right now we have a back door draft, euphemistically called stop loss orders, that keeps troops in uniform even after their enlistments are over. At the same time, we are putting our National Guard and Reserve under intolerable strain, keeping them on active duty far longer than they or their families could have anticipated.

One of the most frustrating aspects of these problems is that they were foreseeable. General Eric Shinseki, then Army Chief of Staff, accurately predicted we would need far more troops than the Administration was willing to commit to occupy Iraq. He was publicly condemned by the Administration for telling the truth. I voted against the Iraq war because, among other reasons, it was clear the Administration was unwilling to send enough troops to pacify that country after the initial military

attack. Paul Bremer, the former chief of the Coalition Provisional Authority, just confirmed that fact in a speech yesterday.

If we are to meet this troop strength crisis, a serious and open discussion needs to take place involving the public, elected leaders, and senior national security officials. The Administration wants to operate in secret in order to hide that discussion from the public. Bringing H.R. 163 to the floor for a vote is a partial victory for public discussion, a reflection of the public's insistent concern over the issue. On the other hand, the furtive way in which it was brought to the floor is a partial victory for those who want to keep the issue in the shadows.

We have been dealing with this matter for years in the Armed Services Committee. During the 14 years that I have served on the Committee, the questions have never been as urgent as they are now:

—What happens if a quick victory in Iraq is elusive, and we remain there for years to come?

—What troop strength levels and mix of active, National Guard, and Reserves will be needed in the coming years?

—Can the all-volunteer military keep its ranks filled?

—If not, what options does the nation have?

—How can we get better pay, benefits, and quality of life improvements to attract and retain enough troops and their families?

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I work on a daily basis with my colleagues and military leaders in the search for answers. It is a long and often difficult process. Its worth is measured in improvements in the lives of our fighting men and women, their families, and our veterans.

I was proud to vote for badly needed equipment like Humvee armor protection and stronger body armor for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. I have championed better military family housing for troops based in my home state of Hawaii and around the globe. I was one of the authors of the Tricare for Life bill, which provides military retirees with the health coverage they were promised when they enlisted.

What solutions are offered by those who want to pretend we don't face a military personnel crisis? Do they support the Administration's covert moves—despite public denials—to restart the draft? What do they have to say about the stop loss orders that deny thousands of troops and their families the post-service opportunities they were led to expect? How do they propose to deal with our over-reliance on the National Guard and Reserves, which are already strained to the limit? Most importantly, will they discuss these issues fully and openly, or do they want them decided in secret?

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE FRANK
FOX

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today in the U.S. Virgin Islands, on my island of St. Croix, residents from all walks of life will gather to remember and pay tribute to Frank J. Fox.

Frank Fox was the president of the St. Croix Chamber of Commerce from 2002 to 2003. But his service to St. Croix and the entire Territory did not begin or end there. He lent his time and talents to a variety of task forces, commissions and committees such as the Governor's Economic Development Committee, The Cruise Ship Task Force, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Navy League, the Landmark Society, Our Town Frederiksted, and St. Croix Friends of Denmark to name but a few. He was also a member of Rotary Mid Island.

But even beyond these Frank and his beloved wife, Beverly were everywhere. They truly adopted St. Croix as home, and did everything they could to make it a better, and more vibrant place for everyone.

Mr. Speaker, Regrettably, due to pressing matters up here, I will not be there at the memorial service. And I know that this is where Frank would insist that I be.

Frank lent his expertise to me, during a very difficult political time—when I had introduced and was shepherding the bill to create a Chief Financial Officer for the Virgin Islands. Often as he offered his opinion or advice, he would preface it with “For whatever it is worth.” I can tell you, and others who benefited from his counsel would attest, whatever he said was worth a lot!

I had the pleasure of serving with Frank on the VI EpsCor (Virgin Islands Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research), where he was the first Chairman. He gave generously of his time, and expertise, and led us through a very successful launching in which the University received the first ever grant to a territory.

He will be fondly remembered for all of the above, but never more than every August when we as a community gather to greet new teachers. It was during his tenure as Chamber president that this activity, which is now tradition, began. It demonstrates the depth of his insight into what is important to the future of the Virgin Islands, and more importantly his commitment to that future. He knew and showed us through his life and service, the importance of the “village,” and its responsibility to our children.

Mr. Speaker, we were all shocked to hear that this man, so full of life, had left us. We will always be grateful for his friendship, and for his service to our community.

We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife Beverly and his family. And we thank her for sharing this wonderful man with us so generously.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARY TOWLES SASSEEN WILSON

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Mrs. Mary Towles Sasseen Wilson, a distinguished native of Henderson, Kentucky, which I have the pleasure of representing in the House. In recognizing Mrs. Wilson, we also pay tribute to all mothers in this great Nation, as she is responsible in large part for the origination of the Mother's Day holiday.

In 1860, Mrs. Wilson was born Mary Towles Sasseen in western Kentucky. She spent most of her life in Henderson as a school teacher. Had she never become involved in the development and spread of Mother's Day, she still would have been recalled fondly by many western Kentuckians as a tireless, caring, and effective educator.

However, Wilson's story was not to end there. Spurred by the love and devotion she felt for her own mother, in 1887 Mary Sasseen held her first public Mother's Day celebration at the Center Street School in Henderson. In 1893 she published and dedicated to her mother a pamphlet entitled Mother's Day Celebration, which defined the holiday and suggested readings and activities suitable for its celebration.

In subsequent years she worked diligently toward the introduction of Mother's Day observations at schools and towns in Kentucky and elsewhere. When Sasseen attempted in 1899 to become one of the region's earliest female elected officials by running for Superintendent of Public Instruction, commentary regarding the campaign cited her as “the author and originator of Mother's Day.”

Although Sasseen's attempts to win elective office failed, she continued to work for the furtherance of Mother's Day in America. In 1904 she married Judge William Marshall Wilson and moved to Freeport, Florida, which was to be the site of her untimely death in 1906. Less than a decade later, in response to the efforts of other notable Mother's Day advocates in the tradition of Mrs. Wilson, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Mrs. Wilson's efforts were recognized by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1926, when it passed a resolution acclaiming Mary Towles Sasseen as “the originator of the idea of the celebration of Mother's Day” and giving her credit for “her splendid work in attempting to bring to the minds of children everywhere the full admiration, respect, and love due our mothers.”

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that these are efforts no less worthy of commendation today than when they were first carried out and honored over a century ago. It is my distinct pleasure to bring to the attention of this House the noteworthy legacy of Mrs. Wilson and all of the mothers she worked so hard to honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK RENZI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 5, 2004, I was unavoidably detained and missed the last vote of the day. Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on H.R. 5011, the Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Tuesday, October 5, 2004, the House had a vote on rollcall 494, on H.R. 163, a bill to provide for the common defense by requiring that all young persons in the United States, including women, perform a period of military service or a period of civilian service in furtherance of the national defense and homeland security, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

The House also had a vote on rollcall 495, on H.R. 2929, a bill to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, and for other purposes and rollcall 496, on H.R. 5011, a bill to prevent the sale of abusive insurance and investment products to military personnel. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on both.

HONORING CITY OF MONTEVIDEO

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Montevideo who received the National Civic League 2004 All-America City Award.

The City of Montevideo is located in the southern part of the 7th Congressional District of Minnesota, where the prairie meets the Minnesota River Valley. Montevideo is a small rural community that has made a large impact in the surrounding area and through the Nation.

Although I have only represented Montevideo for a short period, they have been a shining example of a progressive community that has been able to keep their identity in a changing world. Most people round these parts have a mutual respect for preserving the outdoors while balancing economic growth and development. People who live in Montevideo maintain a quality of life filled with family and civic responsibilities. They take pride in public service and volunteering.

If the All-America City Award is described as “. . . a Nobel Prize for constructive citizenship,” then the City of Montevideo is an excellent example. The All-America City Award encourages and recognizes civic excellence, honoring the communities in which citizens, government, business, and non-profit organizations demonstrate successful resolution of critical community issues.

Whether you are picnicking along the Chipewewa River or biking aside the Minnesota River, the City of Montevideo is a wonderful example of what a community is supposed to be. I am proud to represent the City of Montevideo and congratulate them on their outstanding performance among a Nation of communities.

TRIBUTE TO COY DEAN FORTSON

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Coy Dean Fortson who regretfully passed away recently. A life-long resident of Berrien County, Michigan, Coy was a dedicated family man whose extensive charity and dedication to local individuals and the community as a whole made southwest Michigan an even greater place to live and grow.

Coy valiantly served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, and was a member of the Air Force Reserves for more than 30 years. Over his inspiring career at the Whirlpool Corporation, Coy helped to improve the lives of countless individuals who had the fortune of crossing his path. There is no question that Coy's passion for the betterment of our corner of Michigan will be greatly missed. He undoubtedly touched many lives as a member of Berrien County's FEMA Emergency Planning and Response Team. Coy also served on the Board of Directors for the local public library, where he spent many hours volunteering in order to expand the availability of educational resources for our extended community.

On behalf of the Sixth District of Michigan, our prayers and sincere regards go out to Coy's family and friends—he will certainly be deeply missed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GREATER
TULSA AREA HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMMISSION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my congratulations to the Greater Tulsa Area Hispanic Affairs Commission in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for 25 years of service to the Hispanic community.

Then Mayor, James M. Inhofe, and Jack and Aurora Ramirez Helton formed the Greater Tulsa Area Hispanic Affairs Commission in 1979. A city ordinance and county resolution were enacted so that the Commission would continue in the future. In 1979 only a few cities in the United States had such a commission. The Commission's current work includes annual youth exchanges and adult exchanges, which are an established part of their partnership with Tulsa's Eisenhower International School. Eisenhower has the United States' only elementary school international exchange program in its relationship with San Luis Potosi's Instituto Cervantes.

May the commission have many more years of such valuable community service and prosperity.

HONORING TAIWAN PRESIDENT
CHEN SHUI-BIAN**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in honoring Taiwan President, Chen Shui-bian, and his people on the occasion of their October 10 National Day.

In the past two decades, Taiwan has truly emerged as a model Asian country. Secretary Powell said it well when he remarked, "Taiwan has become a resilient economy, a vibrant democracy and a generous contributor to the international community." In fact, Taiwan's economy is the 16th largest in the world. One third the size of Virginia, Taiwan produces a Gross National Product that is four-fifths the size of Australia's.

In addition, Taiwan's democracy gives its people a full range of political and civil rights, including freedom of speech and assembly. Taiwan also contributes to international causes. For example, in the last 10 years, Taiwan has given \$100 million dollars to 78 countries and Taiwan is now providing a significant amount of humanitarian assistance to refugees in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan has become a close friend of the United States. Our relationship with Taiwan is multifaceted and wide-ranging. While we do not have formal diplomatic relations with Taiwan, our mutual relationship has been able to flourish over many years. The United States and Taiwan have many common interests and shared values. Taiwan has been supportive of the United States, including our efforts in the war against global terror. In turn, the United States should help Taiwan return to the World Health Organization and the United Nations and commit ourselves to the Taiwan Relations Act, thus assuring Taiwan's security.

It is clear to us that the 23 million people of Taiwan prefer the status quo in the Taiwan Strait. They prefer peace, stability and continued prosperity instead of dramatic changes that might undermine or endanger what they have achieved. To reflect the will of the people, in his May 20 inaugural address to the Taiwanese people, Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian was very conciliatory toward China and offered to open talks with China without pre-conditions. In fact, he did not rule out any form of relationship with China as long as it would be acceptable to the people of Taiwan. During this difficult time, the United States should support Taiwan's security, dignity and sovereignty. We should listen to the 23 million people of Taiwan and heed their desire for continued peace and democracy.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I wish to congratulate Taiwan ambassador, Dr. David Lee, and the people of Taiwan on their National Day and wish them every success in their year-end legislative elections.

RECOGNIZING GARY, INDIANA
MEMBERS OF NAACP**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize and commend the members of the Gary, Indiana branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). On Friday, October 15, 2004, the Gary NAACP will hold its 44th Annual Mary White Ovington Awards Banquet at St. Timothy Community Church's Fellowship Hall in Gary, Indiana.

This annual event is a major fundraiser for the Gary branch of the NAACP. The funds generated through this activity, and others like it, go directly to the organization's needed programs and advocacy efforts. In addition, the dinner serves to update and keep the community aware of the activities, accomplishments, and accolades of the local and national chapters of the NAACP on an annual basis.

The featured speaker at this gala event will be Dr. Mary Steele. Dr. Steele is the Superintendent of the Gary Community School Corporation. This is a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education, the 75th Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 39th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. This year's theme is "The Race Is On. The Time Is Now." The NAACP Gary Branch will honor members of the community that have contributed to the cause of civil rights, labor and industry, the community, and its organization.

On February 12, 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded by a multiracial group of activists, and their goal among many was to secure the political, economic, and social rights of all African Americans. For more than 95 years, the NAACP built and grew on the collective courage of thousands of people. As the Nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, the NAACP has worked successfully with allies of all races who believe in and stand for the principles on which the organization was founded. Throughout its history, some of America's greatest minds have worked to effect change.

The Gary NAACP was organized by a group of residents that felt there was a need for an organization that would monitor and defend the rights of African Americans in Northwest Indiana. The national organization, of which the Gary branch is a member, focuses on providing better and more positive ways of addressing the important issues facing minorities in social and job-related settings. Like the national organization, the Gary branch of the NAACP serves its community by combating injustice, discrimination, and unfair treatment in our society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the members of the Gary NAACP for the efforts, activities, and leadership that these outstanding men and women have championed to improve the quality of life for all residents of Indiana's First Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO DALLAS CHAFFINS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dallas Chaffins, an upstanding resident of the Fifth Congressional District of Kentucky. Chaffins, a 73-year-old coal miner in Eastern Kentucky, has been working underground for 56 years without ever having a lost-time injury. This remarkable accomplishment has earned him numerous awards and commendations, and I believe he deserves our recognition as well.

Born in Big Rock, Virginia, Dallas Chaffins started working in the coal mines on April 5, 1948, at the Buchanan Coal Company. Although he was only 17-years-old then, he had already been working for 6 years with his father in the timber industry. It's obvious that Dallas had a strong work ethic instilled in him from the time he was a little boy.

Throughout the next 6 decades, Dallas worked determinedly in the mines. During his career, he only took 2 years off, from October 1951 to October 1953, so he could serve his country in the United States Marine Corps.

And he's not quite ready to throw in his helmet yet.

He still rises each morning long before the sun does and heads to the mines to greet his coworkers with a handshake and a smile. You see, Dallas is known as much for his friendly disposition as he is his impeccable safety record. He attributes this characteristic to his devout faith in God. "I believe if a person keeps his own conscience clean that he will shine on the outside," he recently told a reporter for a Kentucky newspaper. "I think the Lord has blessed me with this. Yes, I give him all the credit."

In addition to being a friend and mentor, and source of joy to countless miners throughout the years, Chaffins has reared 12 children and now enjoys spending time with 26 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, I want to congratulate Dallas Chaffins on 56 years of tireless, careful service in the mines. His hard work and integrity is an inspiration to others, both young and old, and Eastern Kentucky is a better place because of him.

HONORING DR. ROGER W.
LITWILLER

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a leader in the field of medicine and an outstanding citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Roger W. Litwiller, M.D.

Dr. Litwiller soon will complete his term as national president of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). It is my pleasure to recognize one of the Roanoke Valley's own as the 2003–2004 president of this prestigious national organization that is recognized worldwide for its outstanding work in improving patient safety.

Founded in 1905, ASA is the predominant professional organization representing more than 39,000 anesthesiologists. Since its founding, ASA has been the leader in the development of patient safety standards and guidelines for the delivery of safe patient care before, during and after surgery. Efforts on the part of the organization and its members are recognized throughout the scientific and medical communities. The Institute of Medicine, in its 1999 report on medical errors, recognized the successes of organized anesthesiology in improving patient outcomes.

Anesthesiologists either directly administer or supervise 90 percent of all anesthetics performed throughout this country, in hospitals and outpatient surgical centers, and in urban and rural areas. Besides the operating room, anesthesiologists are often found treating patients' pain and delivering critical medical care to patients in hospital intensive care units, emergency rooms and diagnostic facilities.

Dr. Litwiller received his medical degree from the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, Florida, and completed his anesthesiology residency at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.

He is currently a staff anesthesiologist for Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Roanoke, Virginia; Montgomery Regional Hospital, Blacksburg, Virginia; and Carilion Brambleton Ambulatory Surgery Center. He has worked in the private practice of anesthesiology in Roanoke, Virginia for more than 30 years.

Dr. Litwiller has served the Virginia Society of Anesthesiologists as president, newsletter editor and member of the Board of Directors.

For ASA, Dr. Litwiller has served as president-elect, first vice president, delegate, director, and chair of the committees on Finance, Governmental Affairs and Physician Resources. During his tenure as ASA president, Dr. Litwiller has made unparalleled strides in bringing together the various practitioners in medicine—from the operating room to the critical care suite and beyond—who share patient safety as their common goal. He has worked tirelessly with other organizations representing those who care for patients, and has involved ASA in numerous campaigns to improve surgical care.

Through the ASA Expert Witness Review process, he has also worked to ensure the accuracy of testimony given in malpractice suits, thereby helping to address the medical liability crisis.

He has spoken to countless groups all over the country to promote ASA's work, to ensure the future of academic programs in anesthesiology, and to tackle any threat to the continued development of science and research held so dear by this specialty.

Over the last year he united the professional associations providing the vast majority of anesthesia care in this country by identifying common goals. This cooperation between anesthesiologists and certified registered nurse anesthetists resulted in efforts such as joint statements on clinical issues, visits to regulatory officials in Washington, D.C., and work with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations on patient safety matters.

He has been guided by a vision of compassion, science, and political involvement as the cornerstones of the practice of anesthesiology,

and in so doing has set an enduring example and created a legacy for his colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Roger W. Litwiller, M.D., for his notable career achievements, his exemplary leadership, his dedication to patient safety, and his legacy which will benefit the patients of today as well as tomorrow.

POLITICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN
PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED
STATES**HON. ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, the political status of Puerto Rico, and its relationship with the United States, is of great importance to the people of Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico has enjoyed Commonwealth status since 1952. One of the virtues of Commonwealth is precisely the fact that it possesses the flexibility to change the political status of Puerto Rico vis-a-vis the U.S., either within the framework of Commonwealth, or if the people choose other status options such as Statehood or Independence. Of course, Puerto Rico would work with the U.S. Congress towards implementing whichever option the people choose.

Since its creation, Commonwealth has been the preferred status option among the people of Puerto Rico. However, the people of Puerto Rico have failed in its previous efforts to improve Commonwealth because the different initiatives in Puerto Rico, as well as in this Congress, to deal with the status issue have not translated into concrete actions to implement the will of the people of Puerto Rico. Experience has shown that in order to have a true exercise of self-determination, we must work hard at achieving consensus among the people of Puerto Rico as to the process towards self-determination, in spite of our differences with regard to individual status preferences.

Hence, the Legislature of Puerto Rico approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 107 on July 22, 2004 which sets forth the public policy of said body that a Constitutional Assembly on Status is the preferred approach through which to exercise self-determination concerning the status of Puerto Rico and acknowledges these past failed attempts to deal with the status issue, recognizes the consensus among the people of Puerto Rico to effectively exercise their right to self-determination, and adopts the public policy that the Constitutional Assembly on Status is the best approach through which to exercise self-determination.

Accordingly, the Legislature of Puerto Rico has agreed to study and prepare legislation for the people to decide whether the Constitutional Assembly on Status is their preferred mechanism to deal with the status issue. Other mechanisms will be presented to the people. Thus the people will ultimately choose their preferred process. The legislation will also include the mechanisms through which delegates to the Assembly are elected, and will provide for its organization, if it is the option favored by voters.

At the same time, Senate Concurrent Resolution 107 orders the Puerto Rico Senate and

House Judiciary Committees to prepare a study and report with bills for the celebration of a referendum regarding the Constitutional Assembly, authorization of funds, and related matters. Such bills would guarantee the effective participation of representatives of the political parties and civil society; that the proposals to be considered by the people must stem from the principle of sovereignty in the future relationship of Puerto Rico and must be defined as being outside of the Territorial Clause of the U.S. Constitution; that the Constitutional Assembly must have attributes of deliberation and negotiation vis-a-vis the U.S. Government; and that every determination by the Assembly must be subject to ratification by the people through a referendum. The Committees shall issue its report by December 31, 2004, and it will thus be submitted for the consideration of the next Legislative Session.

Mr. Speaker, the Popular Democratic Party of Puerto Rico and I personally support the creation of a Constitutional Assembly on Status in order to deal with the status issue because it embodies the principle that it is the people of Puerto Rico who must decide their preferred political status, and that the process should be initiated in Puerto Rico. Therefore, we have made a commitment to initiate this process during the first half of 2005. At the same time, we recognize that even though this process is to be initiated in Puerto Rico, it cannot and should not be isolated from Washington. That is why, early in the process, Senate Concurrent Resolution 107 mandates notifying the White House, the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico's Status and the U.S. Congress of said Resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to, as requested by the Puerto Rico Legislature and in compliance with Article 6 of Senate Concurrent Resolution 107, notify this Congress of said Resolution by placing the English-language translation of Senate Concurrent Resolution 107, along with its certification, into the RECORD at this time. I am also sending a copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution, and its certification, to the U.S. Senate, the President of the United States, the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico's Status, and the United Nations' Special Committee on Decolonization.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that the people of Puerto Rico will soon be able to truly exercise their right to self-determination in a meaningful manner, one in which the outcome will be a product of the democratic tradition we so dearly cherish.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 107

(To consign the public policy of the Legislature of Puerto Rico in facing and attending to the urgent need to review the political relations between Puerto Rico and the United States through a Constitutional Assembly on Status elected by the people in the exercise of the natural right to self-determination and sovereignty, and to initiate its organizational process)

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The right of the People to freely choose their system of government and their political destiny in relation to the other countries is an inalienable natural right: neither can legislation contrary to this right be admitted nor can a regime or legislation contrary to the full exercise of this right be admitted. This is thus consigned in several resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization applicable to Puerto Rico.

The regime of the political relations between Puerto Rico and the United States of

America remained subject for future deliberation since the conclusion of the deliberations of the Constitutional Convention on the political status of the People of Puerto Rico in 1952, which drafted the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. This by virtue of Public Law 600 of the 81st Congress of the United States of 1950, adopted in a referendum held in Puerto Rico, which limited the deliberative and governmental framework of the Constitutional Convention from 1951 to 1952.

The Constitutional Convention of 1952 expressed through Resolution No. 23 that: "The People of Puerto Rico reserve the right to propose and accept modifications in the terms of its relations with the United States of America, in order that these relations may at all times be the expression of an agreement freely entered into between the People of Puerto Rico and the United States of America." (Enacted February 4, 1952, and forwarded to the President of the United States).

This expression, based on a natural and constitutional right and of the highest democratic nature, was subsequently incorporated by the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization in its Resolution 748 (VIII) of November, 1953, regarding the documents submitted by the United States Government on the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. It is thus stated in its ninth enabling paragraph where it is expressed, "its assurance that, in accordance with the spirit of the present Resolution... due regard will be paid to the will of both the Puerto Rican and American peoples... in the eventuality that either of the parties to the mutually agreed association may desire any change in the terms of this association."

Since the effectiveness of the present status of political relationship between Puerto Rico and the United States, untiring efforts have been made to review the political status issue of Puerto Rico and the scope of the relationship with the United States of America. Specifically, in 1967, a consultation process of the people was held in which the majority of the participants reaffirmed their support to the Commonwealth option, and subsequently, in 1993, a second plebiscite was held, and once again the Commonwealth option was favored. Finally, in 1998, a new plebiscite was held in which the Legislature of Puerto Rico, and not the political parties or the representative groups of specific ideologies, defined the status options to be presented to the people. In said plebiscite, the "None of the Above" option was favored.

Likewise, in the past fifty-two years several efforts have been made to have the United States Congress enact legislation that would allow further the discussion of this issue. Specifically, we take notice of the efforts made through the Status Commission during the decades of the 60s and 70s; and from 1989 to 1991 by the U.S. Senate Resources Committee, and in the mid 90s, by the U.S. House of Representatives Resources Committee. None of these efforts was able to produce legislation that would effectively attend the discussion of status.

Having repeatedly approached through decades diverse methods, the Legislature of Puerto Rico, exercising its powers and faculties pursuant to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, proposes a consultation of the people so that they may determine the procedural mechanism they deem proper to deal with the issue of the political status of Puerto Rico, and the scope of the relationship with the United States of America. In this referendum a constitutional assembly will be presented as an alternative.

More than fifty years have elapsed since the establishment of the present status, and considering the manifest expressions of all

representative sectors of the country on the need to make changes to the present relationship, it is proper for this Legislature to consult the people in order to initiate the process to elect an adequate mechanism to deal with the political status of Puerto Rico and its relationship with the United States of America: be it

Resolved by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.—Statement of Public Policy.

It is hereby declared that the People of Puerto Rico have the inalienable natural right to self-determination and political sovereignty. In accordance thereto, this Legislature declares that, upon the failure of several processes for the exercise of this right, it is imperative for the people to exercise the same through a Constitutional Assembly on the status of the relationship between Puerto Rico and the United States of America.

Section 2.—The Legislature acknowledges the Report rendered on March 11, 2002, as directed by Senate Resolution 201 and House Resolution 3873, both recommending the mechanism of an Assembly of the People to consider the status issue.

Section 3.—It is proper to study and draft the legislation for the people to decide on the desirability of calling a Constitutional Assembly on Status. The legislation shall include the mechanisms to implement the election of delegates and the organization of the Constitutional Assembly on Status, if it is favored at the polls.

Section 4.—The Committee on the Judiciary of both Bodies shall prepare a study and report which shall contain projects of law for holding a referendum on the calling of said Constitutional Assembly, appropriation of funds, and every other measure or process needed to implement this public policy. The following shall be assured:

(a) The effective participation of the representatives of the political parties and the civil society.

(b) That the proposals to be submitted to the consideration of the people arise from the principle of sovereignty in the future political relationships of Puerto Rico, and be as such defined outside of the territorial clause of the Constitution of the United States of America.

(c) That the Assembly shall enjoy deliberative and negotiation attributes with the United States Government.

(d) That every determination of the Assembly shall be subject to ratification by the people at a referendum.

Section 5.—The Committee shall render its report before December 31, 2004, and thereby be submitted for the consideration of the next Regular Legislature.

Section 6.—A copy of this Concurrent Resolution, together with the results of the vote for its approval, shall be certified by the Office of the Secretary and of the Clerk of both Chambers, and remitted to the Special Decolonization Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, to the White House Interagency Committee on the Status of Puerto Rico, and to the Congress of the United States of America.

Section 7.—This Concurrent Resolution shall take effect upon its approval and constitutes public policy until its repeal or implemented.

I, José Ariel Nazario-Álvarez, Secretary of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, hereby certify that the enclosed document is a true and exact copy of S. Conc. R. 107 approved on July 22 of 2004.

HONORING BERNARD HOPKINS

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Philadelphia's own, Bernard "The Executioner" Hopkins. Mr. Speaker, my hometown is one of the greatest sports cities in the world. We have honored many champions over the years. But none of them is more revered than the undisputed Middleweight Champion of the world, Bernard Hopkins.

Bernard always dreamed of being a champion. He first showed his championship form at an early age, winning the Pennsylvania Junior Olympics at age nine. Mr. Speaker, Bernard Hopkins' name is frequently and properly mentioned in the same breath as the best middleweights in history. Men like Sugar Ray Robinson, Carlos Monzon and Marvelous Marvin Hagler. Even his latest opponent, Oscar De La Hoya once said that Hopkins is "one of the great talents we've had in this generation." De La Hoya, who lost and was go'd by a Hopkins left hook to the body, called the champ one of the top 5 boxers in history. And, like his championship, that description is undisputed. After all, he has won 45 professional bouts, 32 by knockout.

Let's put his record into perspective. Carlos Monzon formerly held the seemingly unbreakable record for successful title defenses, beating back 14 attempts to take his crown. But, Hopkins shattered that record back in 2002. Altogether, he has successfully defended his title 19 times since January, 1996.

This record is historic and he should be proud of it. But, Mr. Speaker, Philadelphians don't simply love and respect Bernard Hopkins the fighter. They love and respect Bernard Hopkins the man. He rose from humble beginnings to reach greatness. And he never left behind the city of his birth.

Bernard is a true role model. He works tirelessly with offenders, especially youth, to help them get on and stay on the straight and narrow. He is a husband and a father and great American.

Mr. Speaker, I know that all my colleagues join me in honoring a great champion, and an even greater person, Bernard Hopkins.

LETTERS FROM A MARINE
OFFICER**HON. LAMAR S. SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD two letters that were forwarded to me by Bill and Bonnie Nofsinger. Their nephew, 1st Lt. Robert I. Nofsinger, is stationed in Iraq with the United States Marine Corps.

Lieutenant Nofsinger's letters contradict much of what has been reported in the national news media about the war on terror in Iraq. Reports have led some Americans to conclude that all of Iraq is in turmoil and despair, which is not supported by the facts. Much of the country is making the successful transition to stability.

Lt. Nofsinger writes:

"When you watch the news and see doomsday predictions and spiteful opinions about our efforts over here, you can refute them by knowing that we are doing a tremendous amount of good. So spread the word."

Mr. Speaker, I will follow Lt. Nofsinger's advice and spread the word by submitting his eloquent and heartfelt letters for my colleagues and others to read.

HELLO EVERYONE: I am taking time to ask you all for your help. First off, I'd like to say that this is not a political message. I'm not concerned about domestic politics right now. We have much bigger things to deal with, and we need your help.

It seems that despite the tremendous and heroic efforts of the men and women serving here in Iraq to bring much needed peace and stability to this region, we are losing the war of perception with the media and American people.

Our enemy has learned that the key to defeating the mighty American military is by swaying public opinion at home and abroad. We are a people that cherish the democratic system of government and therefore hold the will of the people in the highest regard. We love to criticize ourselves almost to an endless degree, because we care what others think. Our enemies see this as a weakness and are trying to exploit it.

When we ask ourselves questions like, "Why do they hate us?" or "What did we do wrong?" we are playing into our enemies' hands. Our natural tendency to question ourselves is being used against us to undermine our effort to do good in the world. How far would we have gotten if after the surprise attacks on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, we would have asked, "Why do the Japanese hate us so much?" or "How can we change ourselves so that they won't do that again?"

Here in Iraq the enemy is trying very hard to portray our efforts as failing and fruitless. They kill innocents and desecrate their bodies in hopes that the people back home will lose the will to fight for liberty. They are betting on our perceived weakness as a thoughtful, considerate people. Unfortunately our media only serves to further their cause. In an industry that feeds on ratings and bad news, a failure in Iraq would be a goldmine. When our so-called "trusted" American media takes a quote from an Iraqi doctor as the gospel truth over that of the men and women that are daily fighting to protect the right to freedom of the press, you know something is wrong. That doctor claimed that of the 600 Iraqis who were casualties of the fighting in Fallujah, the vast majority of them were women, children and the elderly. This is totally absurd. In the history of man, no one has spent more time and effort, often to the detriment of our own mission, to be more discriminate in our targeting of the enemy than the American military. The Marines and Soldiers serving in Iraq have gone through extensive training in order to avoid shedding innocent blood.

Yet, despite all of this, our media consistently sides with those who openly lie and directly challenge the honor of our brave heroes fighting for liberty and peace. What we have to remember is that peace is not defined as an absence of war. It is the presence of liberty, stability, and prosperity. In the face of the horrendous tyranny of the former Iraqi regime, the only way true peace was able to come to this region was through force. That is what the American Revolution was all about. Have we forgotten?

Freedom is not free and "peace" without principle is not peace. The peace that so-called "peace advocates" support can only be brought to Iraq through the military. And we are doing it, if only the world will let us!

If the American people believe we are failing, even if we are not, then we will ultimately fail. That is why I am asking for your support. Become a voice of truth in your community. Wherever you are, fight the enemy's lies. Don't buy into pessimism and apathy and say that it is hopeless, that they hate us too much, that this part of the world is just too messed up and it is our fault anyway, that we are to blame.

Whether you're in Middle School, working a 9-5 job, retired or a stay-at-home mom, you can make a huge difference! There is nothing more powerful than the truth. So, when you watch the news and see doomsday predictions and spiteful opinions about our efforts over here, you can refute them by knowing that we are doing a tremendous amount of good. Spread the word. No one is poised to make such an amazing contribution to the everyday lives of Iraqis and the rest of the Arab world than the American Armed Forces. By making this a place where liberty can finally grow, we are making the whole world safer.

Your efforts at home are directly tied to our success. You are the soldiers at home fighting the war of perception. So I'm asking you as fellow soldiers to do your duty; stop the attempts of the enemy wherever you are. You are a mighty force for good, because truth is on your side.

Together we will win this fight and ensure a better world for the future.

God Bless and Semper Fidelis,

1ST LT. ROBERT L. NOFSINGER USMC.

DEAR FRIENDS: Well, my unit has come to the end of its time here in Iraq and I wanted to send a final note. During the past seven months 3rd Battalion 11th Marines has accomplished much. Our artillery Battalion was given the mission of convoy security and provisional MP (Military Police) duties. From that mission gnaw other duties and we eventually ended up accomplishing a wide range of tasks.

We were assigned to assist the Iraqi Border Patrol along the Saudi Arabian border. Along with that came the responsibility to care for the nearby town of Nukhayb. It is a fairly small town that had been ravaged by two wars, 12 years of sanctions, and a tyrannical government that neglected its basic needs. Over the course of seven months, our small civil affairs section was able to spend roughly \$1.3 million on the infrastructure, people of Nukhayb and outlying areas. The projects included the following:

Hospital renovation and medical supplies; school refurbishment; water supply improvement; sanitation equipment; regional fire department; agricultural cooperative; multiple power generators and transformers; equipment and gear for local Iraqi Security Forces; electrical rewiring; refurbishment of local government buildings; establishment of employment programs; and local mosque refurbishment.

Nukhayb is now a thriving active community with a renewed sense of direction. The local economy is rapidly increasing and is already far beyond where it was at any time during the past 30 years. 3/11's main mission was to provide convoy security for military and non-military convoys throughout Iraq. This was done with the utmost patience and professionalism. The Marines of 3/11 being trained as artillerymen, performed tremendously as provisional infantrymen without skipping a beat. As this war has only further proven, Artillerymen are the "go to" Marines of the Marine Corps. In the end 3/11 was responsible for escorting hundreds upon hundreds of vital convoys throughout the theater.

In addition to this responsibility 3/11 was asked to supervise and run a provincial Iraqi

Security College where Iraqi Security Forces were trained to take control of their country. The college was so successful that it is now entirely run by Iraqis.

Continuing the Military Police role 3/11 also maintained and operated a provincial detention facility where detainees were treated with respect and humanity. Long before incidents at other prisons in Iraq were discovered, 3/11 set the highest of possible standards in the country for quality of care and facility conditions. The detention facility has been heralded as a hallmark in our area of operations and brings much praise to the battalion.

All along the way 3/11 was asked to step outside its area of expertise and provide the highest level of performance, and each time the expectations were met and exceeded. Few units if any can claim to have accomplished such a wide variety of missions in such a short period of time. The Marines of 3rd Battalion 11th Marines can return home to their loved ones knowing they provided absolutely vital contributions to the war in Iraq. The Iraqi people have never known liberty in their entire history and now they finally have a chance to live free. With Marines and soldiers out there like those from 3/11, the war on terror will be definitively won and the world will know a higher level of freedom and prosperity than it has ever known. I personally want to thank each of you who have supported me through this journey. I will never be able to put into words, my appreciation for all you have done for me. My definition of family has grown exponentially since being over here and I thank you. But more than just your personal support I am grateful for your support of the cause. Not everyone in America is educated enough to understand the full importance of what we are doing in this part of the world and I am so thankful that you all do. Freedom and liberty are fragile and America seems to be one of the only countries actively fighting to ensure that they do not perish from this earth. Your continued efforts at home are much needed in spreading the truth. Together we will win this fight and secure a better future for the whole world.

God Bless and Semper Fidelis,
1ST LT. ROBERT L. NOFSINGER USMC.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LET PARENTS RAISE THEIR KIDS ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Let Parents Raise Their Kids Act. This bill forbids Federal funds from being used for any universal or mandatory mental-health screening of students without the express, written, voluntary, informed consent of their parents or legal guardians. This bill protects the fundamental right of parents to direct and control the upbringing and education of their children.

The New Freedom Commission on Mental Health has recommended that the Federal government adopt a comprehensive system of mental-health screening for all Americans. The commission recommends the government implement universal or mandatory mental-health screening in public schools as a prelude to expanding it to the general public. However, neither the commission's report nor any related mental-health screening proposal requires parental consent before a child is subjected to mental-health screening. Federally funded uni-

versal or mandatory mental-health screening in schools without parental consent could lead to labeling more children as "ADD" or "hyperactive" and thus force more children to take psychotropic drugs, such as Ritalin, against their parents' wishes.

Already, too many children are suffering from being prescribed psychotropic drugs for nothing more than children's typical rambunctious behavior. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, there was a 300-percent increase in psychotropic drug use in two to four year old children from 1991 to 1995!

Many children have suffered harmful side effects from using psychotropic drugs. Some of the possible side effects include mania, violence, dependence, and weight gain. Yet, parents are already being threatened with child abuse charges if they resist efforts to drug their children. Imagine how much easier it will be to drug children against their parents' wishes if a Federal mental-health screener makes the recommendation.

Universal or mandatory mental-health screening could also provide a justification for stigmatizing children from families that support traditional values. Even the authors of mental-health diagnosis manuals admit that mental-health diagnoses are subjective and based on social constructions. Therefore, it is all too easy for a psychiatrist to label a person's disagreement with the psychiatrist's political beliefs a mental disorder. For example, a federally funded school violence prevention program lists "intolerance" as a mental problem that may lead to school violence. Because "intolerance" is often a code word for believing in traditional values, children who share their parents' values could be labeled as having mental problems and a risk of causing violence. If the mandatory mental-health screening program applies to adults, everyone who believes in traditional values could have his or her beliefs stigmatized as a sign of a mental disorder. Taxpayer dollars should not support programs that may label those who adhere to traditional values as having a "mental disorder."

Mr. Speaker, universal or mandatory mental-health screening threatens to undermine parents' right to raise their children as the parents see fit. Forced mental-health screening could also endanger the health of children by leading to more children being improperly placed on psychotropic drugs, such as Ritalin, or stigmatized as "mentally ill" or a risk of causing violence because they adhere to traditional values. Congress has a responsibility to the nation's parents and children to stop this from happening. I, therefore, urge my colleagues to cosponsor the Let Raise Their Kids Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DONALD GLENN BROTZMAN

HON. JOEL HEFLEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize and remember the life of former Republican Congressman Donald Brotzman of Colorado, who recently passed away at the age of 82. Congressman Brotzman honorably

represented Colorado's second Congressional District from 1962 through 1975, during some of this great nation's most tumultuous and trying times.

He was born June 28, 1922 on a farm in Logan County, on Colorado's eastern plains. Both a musician and three-sport athlete at Sterling High School, Don Brotzman won a football scholarship in 1939 to the University of Colorado in Boulder where he was an all-conference center and varsity letter-winner in shot put and discus.

As war continued to rage on the other side of the world, Don Brotzman delayed his education and served as an Army officer in Yokohama, Japan, and the Philippines through World War II. Following the end of the war, he returned to Boulder to complete degrees in business and law in 1949.

Mr. Brotzman began working as a lawyer in Boulder in 1950, and was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1952 and later the State Senate. Local media named him the outstanding freshman member in both chambers.

By 1959, he was appointed United States Attorney for Colorado by President Eisenhower and served as such until he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1962, where he was voted president of his freshman class.

Congressman Brotzman served five terms and helped to shape laws such as the Clean Air Act and the Public Broadcasting Act. He reached across the aisle to champion causes such as the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area west of Boulder, a national program to help runaway youth and a tax credit for higher-education expenses. Despite serving on the minority side of the aisle, he successfully found the funds to complete the Chatfield Dam and Reservoir, and sponsored the bill authorizing the building of Bear Creek Dam and Reservoir in Colorado.

Furthermore, he persuaded the Johnson Administration to sponsor a study that eventually changed the Army's environmental practices at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Adam's County, Colorado, and he was one of the first members of Congress to call for an all-volunteer military.

Colorado lost a great friend and a tremendous leader when it lost Donald Brotzman. His strong western values and commitment to always do what was right, despite partisan interests and outside persuasion, has continued to serve as a great example.

RECOGNIZING SPIRIT OF JACOB MOCK DOUB AND EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT "NATIONAL TAKE A KID MOUNTAIN BIKING DAY" SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN JACOB MOCK DOUB'S HONOR

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 480, expressing the sense of Congress that "National Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day" should be established in honor of Jacob Mock Doub.

The youth of today's America are becoming less and less active. The U.S. Surgeon General reports the percentage of overweight children has nearly tripled in the past two decades. Forecasts also predict the current generation of children in the United States could actually have a shorter life span than their parents as the epidemic of childhood obesity expands.

Promoting physical activity and diet are critical in addressing the rise of childhood obesity and youth inactivity and Congress should be supportive in addressing this important issue. Certainly more needs to be done but this resolution is a step in the right direction to raise awareness and move the discussion forward.

The resolution also honors Jacob Mock Doub, a young man who had a great passion for life and for cycling. He encouraged many young people like himself to get involved with the activity.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

For the information of our colleagues, I am attaching an item from the International Mountain Biking Association, IMBA, that provides additional information about Jacob Mock Doub.

JACOB MOCK "JACK" DOUB

Jul. 11, 1985—Oct. 21, 2002.

One year ago this October we unexpectedly lost a great friend and brother when Jack Doub died from complications from an injury received during practice for the Snowshoe NORBA National downhill race last June. To honor Jack's spirit and love of biking we have in association with IMBA, helped to establish the Jack Doub Memorial Fund to promote and encourage other "kids" to learn and live to ride. To understand Jack and his love of biking is to understand our wishes to continue his memory. Jack was born to two energetic and loving parents who greatly enjoyed the outdoors and early on Jack enjoyed the same. Skiing at age 18 months, he became an unbelievable freestyle and backcountry skier . . . the best. In life Jack learned to climb, to kayak, to motocross race, and to fly fish. By age 11 Jack's fly-fishing skills and abilities to see and catch fish were legend. It was almost unbelievable that he literally could do anything he wanted and at levels of skill that others only dream about, all of this while quiet, reserved, and humble.

Ultimately Jack was introduced to biking at age 11 near Grandfather Mountain, N.C. He saw a friend riding, doing a few tricks and he wanted to learn to wheelie. He was hooked. Within a week he could wheelie like crazy and soon obtained a new Gary Fisher Super Caliber on which he won essentially every cross-country race he entered for two years. Although remaining the best fly fisherman around at age 13, biking had become Jack's obsession. It was at age 13 that Jack obtained a Santa Cruz Super 8 and began racing downhill as well; again nothing but success. One of Jack's greatest sparks was participating in mountain bike "dirt" camp during the summer of 1998 at Snowshoe, WV, and this is also where he raced his last race.

From age 14 to 17 Jack rode primarily downhill and dual slalom. He found it difficult to train and ride downhill and dual slalom and have the energy to race cross-country on the same day. Cross-country was great but Jack was an adrenaline junkie . . . fast and furious. The neat thing about Jack however was not his desire to race and to win but his absolute love of being on the bike. Whether he podiumed or came in 23rd, his response was always, "it was great." He never

complained or had excuses and no matter how bad the mechanical failure or the crash, he always finished . . . never a DNF or withdrawal. For Jack, it was all about the bike . . . cross-country, downhill, dual slalom, trials, or as always just playing in the yard; there were very few days that he didn't touch the bike.

Jack rode many bikes and greatly loved his Spooky, his intense M1, and his Santa Cruz Heckler but his real favorite was his Foes Zigzag on which he came in second at the NORBA Snowshoe National in junior expert dual slalom in his last race ever. His accident occurred the next day in downhill training where as usual he was trying to air a major jump and obstacle . . . he later rode but never raced again. His accomplishments were extensive and are too numerous to detail nor would that be his focus.

Jack's last ride occurred approximately one week before he died. He was excited to ride a new trail with a group of us. Out of shape but never out of energy, he wheeled the mile to the trail including down a 200 yard hill all the way on a wheelie manual to a nose manual. As usual we were all amazed. During the two hour ride we rode hard, played hard and had worlds of fun. Jack rode through the pain and upset stomach while laughing and smiling and could only talk of getting back in shape and coming back. God, do we miss that next ride with Jack.

Despite all of Jack's great accomplishments and skills, his greatest strength was involving and encouraging others to ride, especially children. Jack would skip chances to hang out with his peers just to go to Hobby Park and teach young kids to ride and jump dual slalom . . . he did this even while injured. On occasions he was known to stop in a race and help other individuals. During one 12 hour race he rode two extra laps just to give his friends a break and lessen their pain so as to have more fun. Most importantly he greatly enjoyed seeing his friends do well, especially "Tone Dog", "Magoo", Jonathan, and Will. Jack's smiles were as big or bigger for their successes than for his own. Jack at heart wanted others to encounter and love life and biking as much as he did.

Jay de Jesus wrote in a letter to Jack's dad, Jay after Jack's death; Jack was . . . "up all night doing manuals and wheelies all the way across the courtyard at Snowshoe Village, the same nice, intelligent, bike-crazy kid with the ever present smile . . . every night, just riding on and on." There are no real answers to Jack's passing away, just a huge void. May that void be filled with our smiles and those of other kids experiencing the awesome joy of biking and as Jack would want us to do . . . "riding on and on". The Jack Doub Memorial Fund hopes in some small way to continue his spirit and memory to that end. Jack Doub . . . orange helmet, red hair and blue jeans . . . rest in peace brother as you ride in our hearts and memories forever.

FRIENDS OF JACK DOUB.

HONORING FRANK WACHOWSKI

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding gentleman, Frank Wachowski, more commonly known as "The Chicago Weather Man," who will be honored on October 16, 2004 with the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award. It is with great

honor that I recognize the contribution of a man who continues to serve the Chicagoland area and the state of Illinois.

The Thomas Jefferson Awards are presented to people who work to better their communities through volunteer and community services. They are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectations of recognition or reward.

For over 25 years, Frank Wachowski has volunteered his services as a cooperative observer for the National Weather Service and has closely worked with Tom Skilling, chief meteorologist at WGN-TV in Chicago. More than 11,000 volunteers nationwide take observations on farms, in urban and suburban areas, National Parks, seashores, and mountaintops. The Cooperative Network has been recognized as the most definitive source of information on our nation's climate trends as the data collections are truly representative of where people live, work and play.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Frank Wachowski for all of his hard work and dedication, as I hope that others are inspired by him to become involved in community service projects.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF LONNIE AND LUCIA ROARK

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in order to recognize Lonnie and Lucia Roark, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 23rd, 2004.

I have had the pleasure of knowing both of these wonderful people because they are valued friends of my parents. Lonnie, a native of Oklahoma, relocated to California and worked alongside my father, Raul Solis. Lucia and my mother are both originally from Nicaragua.

It has been said that once Lonnie met Lucia, everyone knew that she was his reason for living. What started out as friendship eventually blossomed into true devotion and a growing unconditional love. They became husband and wife on October 23, 1954, and remain so until this day.

This inspirational couple met in Los Angeles and raised their family in the nearby suburb of La Puente. Today, they continue to live in La Puente and are blessed with 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

In addition, they are a treasured part of the Solis family as well. Lonnie and Lucia are the proud godparents of my sister Anna. I am proud to say that they will always be a part of our family.

I wish to congratulate them on their 50th anniversary. May they continue to share a life of love and happiness.

ARUBA

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, year after year thousands upon thousands of Americans die

of illicit drugs. Year after year billions upon billions of dollars end up in the hands of the cartel bosses who traffic these deadly goods. The flow of drugs will only stop if the flow of money can be contained. It can only be contained if our allies all over the world work together with us to rid the world of that terrible scourge. I rise today to pay tribute to one of those important allies, the Caribbean nation of Aruba. This small island state is leading the way in efforts to counter drug trafficking and drug-related money laundering.

In the past, money laundering organizations have attempted to use Aruba's offshore banking and incorporation systems, free-zone areas, and resort/casino complexes to transfer and to launder drug proceeds. However, the timely implementation and rigorous enforcement of anti money-laundering and asset-seizure laws have set an example for others to follow.

Prime Minister Nelson Oduber and the Government of Aruba should be commended for recently issuing several decrees on money laundering that include increased oversight of casinos and insurance companies. The Government of Aruba also is in the process of instituting reporting requirements for cross-border currency movements in excess of 20,000 Aruban florins, approximately US\$11,200. Aruba has a Financial Intelligence Unit and is a member of the Egmont Group, an international group of financial intelligence units.

The Aruba Organized Crime Unit and the Criminal Intelligence Unit of the Coast Guard of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba fight drug trafficking right alongside the United States Drug Enforcement Agency. Furthermore, Aruba serves as one of two forward operating locations in the Caribbean for U.S. counterdrug aircraft. The forward operating location, located at Queen Beatrix Airport near Oranjestad, provides a landing and servicing area for counterdrug detection and monitoring missions in the region.

For this cooperation, I would like to express the heartfelt thanks of the American people. With allies like Aruba on our side, we can win this war, too.

IN HONOR OF THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, 2004 a service was held for the 350th anniversary of the Congregation Shearith Israel in New York City. The Congregation, founded by 23 impoverished Brazilian Jews seeking refuge in New Amsterdam, marked the beginning of Jewish life in America. What began as a small settlement, nearly 122 years before American independence, grew into a community that not only benefited from the equality and religious freedom found here, but had a profound influence on such ideals over the course of American history. The American Jewish community has played a role in the extension of freedom, justice and social equality to all our people. Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter into the RECORD the sermon given by Rabbi Marc D. Angel on the occasion of the

350th anniversary of the Congregation Shearith Israel.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." These words from the American Declaration of Independence reflect the deepest ideals and aspirations of the American people. America is not merely a country, vast and powerful; America is an idea, a vision of life as it could be.

When these words were first proclaimed on July 4, 1776, Congregation Shearith Israel was almost 122 years old. It was a venerable community, with an impressive history—a bastion of Jewish faith and tradition, and an integral part of the American experience. When the British invaded New York in 1776, a large group of congregants including our Hazan Rev. Gershom Mendes Seixas, left the city rather than live under British rule. Many joined the Revolutionary army and fought for American independence.

Some remained in New York, and conducted services in our synagogue building on Mill Street. Early in the war, two British soldiers broke into the synagogue and desecrated two Torah scrolls. This was not just an attack on scrolls, but was a symbolic assault on the spiritual foundations of Judaism, the self-same foundations upon which the American republic has been built. In our service today, we read from one of these Torah scrolls as a symbolic response to those soldiers, and to all those who would seek to undermine the eternal teachings of Torah and the principles of American democracy: we are not intimidated, we are not afraid. Generation by generation, we will continue to live by our ideals and by our faith. Generation by generation, we will lend our strength to the great American enterprise that promises hope and freedom, one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all.

Our story in America is not built on historical abstractions, but on generations of Jews who have played their roles in the unfolding of this nation. It is a very personal history, ingrained in our collective memory.

Attending this service today are descendants of Jews of the Colonial period, whose ancestors served in the American Revolution; descendants of families including de Lucena, Gomez, Nathan, Hendricks, Phillips, Franks, Cardozo, Seixas. We welcome descendants of Rev. Johannes Polhemus, minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, who was on the same ship as the first group of 23 Jews who arrived in New Amsterdam in September 1654.

We welcome representatives of our sister congregations that date back to the Colonial period: from the Touro Synagogue in Newport; from Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia; we have representatives or words of congratulations from the historic congregations in Savannah, Charleston and Richmond. We welcome members of our sister congregation, the Spanish and Portuguese community of London.

We welcome elected officials and representatives. We welcome officers of the 20th precinct, who serve our community with courage and dedication. We welcome leaders of the American Jewish community, and those who have worked so hard for Celebrate 350, the national umbrella group commemorating the 350th anniversary of American Jewry. Indeed we welcome all congregants and friends who have gathered here today on this historic occasion.

A number of those present today participated in the Tercentenary celebrations of 1954. We have a member here today whose mother—now 107 years old—was part of our

community during the 250th anniversary celebrations in 1904/5.

Among us are descendants of Jews from all parts of the world, Jews who came to America at different times and under different circumstances; including those who are themselves first generation Americans and first generation Jews. For 350 years, our generations have been part of the American experience, and have striven to make this a better nation.

We have just read from the Revolutionary Period Torah scroll, from the section known as "Kedoshim", only a few columns from where the British soldier damaged the scroll. Kedoshim opens with a challenge to the people of Israel to be a holy nation, to live according to the commandments of God, to have the courage and inner strength to maintain Torah ideals in a world that is not always receptive to such lofty teachings. The portion goes on to specify how we are to manifest holiness: through charity; honesty; commitment to truth and justice; through the avoidance of gossip and hatred. It culminates with the words: *ve-ahavta le-re-aha kamokha*, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The very principles of enjoined by this passage are the spiritual foundations of the United States of America. These teachings are constant reminders of how to live a good life and build a righteous society; they also are prods to make us realize how far short we fall from these ideals, how much more work remains to be done.

On this 350th anniversary of the American Jewish community, we reflect on the courage and heroic efforts of our forebears who have maintained Judaism as a vibrant and living force in our lives. We express gratitude to America for having given us—and all citizens—the freedom to practice our faith. This very freedom has energized and strengthened America.

Within Congregation Shearith Israel, we have been blessed with men and women who have helped articulate Jewish ideals and American ideals. Their voices have blended with the voices of fellow Americans of various religions and races, to help shape the dream and reality of America.

The American Declaration of Independence pronounced that all men are created equal. In his famous letter to the Jewish community of Newport, in August 1790, President George Washington hailed the United States for allowing its citizens freedom—not as a favor bestowed by one group on another—but in recognition of the inherent natural rights of all human beings. This country, wrote President Washington, "gives bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance".

And yet, if equality and human dignity are at the core of American ideals, the fulfillment of these ideals have required—and still require—sacrifice and devotion. Reality has not always kept up with the ideal. In 1855, Shearith Israel member Uriah Phillips Levy—who rose to the rank of Commodore in the U.S. Navy—was dropped from the Navy's active duty list. He was convinced that anti-Semitism was at the root of this demotion. He appealed the ruling and demanded justice. He asked: are people "now to learn to their sorrow and dismay that we too have sunk into the mire of religious intolerance and bigotry? . . . What is my case today, if you yield to this injustice, may tomorrow be that of the Roman Catholic or the Unitarian, the Presbyterian or the Methodist, the Episcopalian or the Baptist. There is but one safeguard: that is to be found in honest, whole-hearted, inflexible support of the wise, the just the impartial guarantee of the Constitution." Levy won his case. He helped the United States remain true to its principles.

Shearith Israel member Moses Judah (1735–1822) believed that all men were created

equal—including black men. In 1799, he was elected to the New York Society for Promoting the Manumission of Slaves. During his tenure on the standing committee between 1806 and 1809, about 50 slaves were freed. Through his efforts, many other slaves achieved freedom. He exerted himself to fight injustice, to expand the American ideals of freed and equality regardless of race or religion.

Another of our members, Maud Nathan, believed that all men were created equal but so were all women created equal. She was a fiery, internationally renowned suffragette, who worked tirelessly to advance a vision of America that indeed recognized the equality of all its citizens—men and women. As president of the consumer league of New York from 1897–1917, Maud Nathan was a pioneer in social activism, working for the improvement of working conditions of employees in New York's department stores. Equality and human dignity were the rights of all Americans, rich and poor, men and women.

The Declaration of Independence proclaimed that human beings have unalienable rights; among them are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These words express the hope and optimism of America. They are a repudiation of the tyranny and oppression that prevailed—and still prevail—in so many lands. America is a land of opportunity, where people can live in freedom. The pursuit of happiness really signifies the pursuit of self-fulfillment, of a meaningful way of life. America's challenge was—and still is—to create a harmonious society that allows us to fulfill our potentials.

President George Washington declared a day of national Thanksgiving for November 26, 1789. Shearith Israel held a service, at which Hazan Gershom Mendes Seizas called on this congregation “to unite, with cheerfulness and uprightness . . . to promote that which has a tendency to the public good.” Hazan Seizas believed that Jews, in being faithful to Jewish tradition, would be constructive and active participants in American society.

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were not reserved only for those born in America; they are the rights of all human beings everywhere. This notion underlies the idealism of the American dream, calling for a sense of responsibility for all suffering people, whether at home or abroad. American Jews have been particularly sensitive and responsive to this ideal.

On March 8th, 1847, Hazan Jacques Judah Lyons addressed a gathering at Shearith Israel for the purpose of raising funds for Irish famine relief. The potato crop in Ireland had failed in 1846, resulting in widespread famine. Hazan Lyons well realized that the Jewish community needed charitable dollars for its own internal needs; and yet he insisted that Jews reach out and help the people of Ireland. He said that there was one indestructible and all-powerful link between us and the Irish sufferers: “That link, my brethren, is HUMANITY! Its appeal to hear surmounts every obstacle. Clime, color, sect are barriers which impede not its progress thither.” In assisting with Irish famine relief, the Jewish community reflected its commitment to the well-being of all suffering human beings. American Jewry grew into—and has continued to be—a great philanthropic community perhaps unmatched in history. Never have so few given so much to so many. In this, we have been true to our Jewish tradition, and true to the spirit of America.

Who articulated the hope and promise of America more eloquently than Emma Lazarus? “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send

these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door.” How appropriate is it that her poem is affixed to the great symbol of American freedom, the Statue of Liberty.

Alice Menken, (for many years president of our Sisterhood) did remarkable work to help immigrants, to assist young women who ran into trouble with the law, to promote reform of the American prison system. She wrote: “We must seek a balanced philosophy of life. We must live to make the world worth living in, with new ideals, less suffering, and more joy.”

Americans see ourselves as one nation, indivisible, under God, with liberty and justice for all. Yet, liberty and justice are not automatically attained. They have required—and still require—wisdom, vigilance, and active participation. American legal tradition has been enriched by the insights and the work of many American Jews.

In one of his essays, Justice Benjamin Nathan Cardozo—a devoted member of Shearith Israel—referred to a Talmudic passage which has been incorporated into our prayer book. It asks that the Almighty let His mercy prevail over strict justice. Justice Cardozo reminded us that the American system relies not only on justice—but on mercy. Mercy entails not merely an understanding of laws, but an understanding of the human predicament, of human nature, of the circumstances prevailing in human society. Another of our members, Federal Judge William Herlands, echoed this sentiment when he stated the Justice without Mercy—is just ice!

Our late rabbis Henry Pereira Mendes, David de Sola Pool and Louis C. Gerstein, were singularly devoted to social welfare, to religious education, to the land of Israel. They distinguished themselves for their devotion to Zionism, and played their parts in the remarkable unfolding of the State of Israel. They, along with so many American Jews, have keenly understood how much unites Israel and the United States—two beacons of democracy and idealism in a very troubled world.

These individuals—along with so many other American Jews—were exponents of the American ideals and the American dream. During the past 350 years, the American Jewish community has accomplished much and contributed valiantly to all aspects of American life. We have been free to practice our faith and teach our Torah. We have worked with Americans of others faiths and traditions to mold a better, stronger, more idealistic nation.

America today is not just a powerful and vast country. It is also an idea, a compelling idea that has a message for all people in all lands. As American Jews, we are committed to the ideals of freedom and equality, human dignity and security, to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, the pursuit of harmony among ourselves and throughout the world. We have come far as a nation, but very much remains to be done. May God give us the strength and the resolve to carry on, to work proudly as Jews to bring the American dream to many more generations of humanity.

I close with a prayer spoken by Mordecai Manuel Noah at the consecration of our second Mill Street Synagogue on April 17, 1818: “May we prove ever worthy of His blessing; may He look down from His heavenly abode, and send us peace and comfort; may He instill in our minds a love of country, of friends, and of all mankind. Be just, therefore, and fear not. That God who brought us out of the land of Egypt, who walked before us like ‘a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night,’ will never desert his people Israel.”

MILITARY PERSONNEL FINANCIAL SERVICES PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5011, a bill to correct abusive practices in the sale of financial products to our military.

This bill was strongly supported by myself and all my colleagues on the Financial Services Committee because it provides a necessary correction to a real problem.

Over the past several years, we have seen the growth of unprincipled sales practices pushing marginal financial products, blatantly unsuitable for military personnel.

These contractual plans impose staggering fees and draconian early termination penalties.

They are so undesirable that they are not sold in the civilian market, where the force of normal competition has driven them out.

All the more shame that certain brokers used privileged on-base access to military personnel to force this product on servicemen facing combat.

Our nation's military personnel deserve the best possible financial advice about all the options available to them, with complete and accurate information, clearly presented.

At the very least, they shouldn't be subjected to unscrupulous sales practices or offered financial products that no civilian would choose and that are not suitable for any investor. We should have banned these products and practices years ago; it is high time to do so now.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS ON THEIR 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, in 1963 President John F. Kennedy launched the Alliance for Progress, a program of government-to-government economic cooperation across the Western Hemisphere. At the same time, he called for the creation of a parallel people-to-people initiative and the Partners of the Alliance was established the following year. After its founding, the idea of engaging in citizen-to-citizen programs under the direct participation and leadership of the people of the Americas led to the Alliance's re-organization in the private sector. With this change in status also came a new name: Partners of the Americas.

Today Partners of the Americas celebrates 40 years of bringing together citizen volunteers, their institutions and communities from throughout the Americas to address shared concerns of economic, social and cultural development. Partners' commitment to building on these enduring relationships among people of Latin America, the Caribbean and the U.S. is what makes Partners truly unique. These relationships fostered by Partners help spark creative ideas, cultivate friendship and ultimately, produce positive change.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Partners of the Americas on its work over the past 40 years. Partners embraces the wonderful diversity of the Western Hemisphere and plays a crucial role in building cross-cultural understanding, inspiring hope and creating opportunity. I know others join me in wishing Partners of the Americas continued success in their service to citizens of the Western Hemisphere.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN FEE

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend John Fee, a constituent from Delran, New Jersey, who is currently participating in the Bristol-Myers Squibb Tour of Hope. John was chosen from nearly 1,200 cyclists nationwide to be one of 20 cyclists participating in this awareness-raising tour for cancer research.

The Tour of Hope is a grueling eight-day bike journey across America that is designed to help raise awareness about the need for increased participation in cancer clinical trials. This cross-country tour was designed by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Lance Armstrong, six-time Tour de France winner and cancer survivor, who credits his survival to the many people before him who participated in the clinical trials that ultimately led to the development of the treatment that saved his life.

By participating in the Tour of Hope, which began on October 1st in Los Angeles and will conclude on October 8th here in Washington, DC, John has dedicated himself to being a part of the effort to cure cancer. During his eight-day journey across America, John and his team will be selflessly delivering the Tour's message—the need to support cancer research—to communities across our Nation.

John's commitment to this worthy cause stems from personal, family experiences with cancer, and his bravery and generosity in confronting this issue head-on is commendable. With advocates like John, I am confident that we can ultimately conquer cancer once and for all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISSOURI SHERIFF OF THE YEAR, SHERIFF KERRICK ALUMBAUGH

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to congratulate Sheriff Kerrick Alumbaugh for being named the Missouri Deputy Sheriffs' Association's 2004 "Sheriff of the Year."

Sheriff Alumbaugh was born on March 19, 1964, in St. Charles, Missouri. He graduated from Lafayette County C1 High School in Higginsville, Missouri. Later, he graduated from the FBI National Law Enforcement Academy.

In September 1985, Sheriff Alumbaugh began his law enforcement career as a patrol-

man for the Higginsville, Missouri, Police Department. Then, in 1993, he became the Chief of Police of Higginsville, Missouri. He became the Sheriff of Lafayette County on January 1, 2001.

During his time as Sheriff, he has had many accomplishments. Sheriff Alumbaugh formed a county-wide crime scene team comprised of local police agencies and trained by the Kansas City Crime Scene Unit, fought to give deputies a living wage, and was instrumental in the passage of the county-wide law enforcement tax and a new jail and court system. Also, he developed an investigation unit within the department, comprised of two detectives, that investigates and solves rural crimes. These two detectives alone filed more Felony cases in 2003 than the whole department did in 2000.

Most importantly, he has instilled pride and professionalism for the deputies that work for the citizens of Lafayette County.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I wish to extend my congratulations to Sheriff Kerrick Alumbaugh. It is with great pride that I honor him for being named the Missouri Deputy Sheriffs' Association's 2004 "Sheriff of the Year."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRUCE HILL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Bruce Hill, a dedicated public servant and community leader from Grand Junction, Colorado. Bruce is a dedicated leader and a champion of the city, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing his tremendous achievements before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Bruce is a Grand Junction native who has naturally assumed many leadership roles. At Tope Elementary School, he was appointed Safety Leader. Later, while attending West Middle School, Bruce's classmates elected him their student council representative, where he was known to lead by example, setting the standards for his peers to follow. After studying accounting at Mesa Junior College, he began working at Superior Alarm. When Bruce was hired, the owner told him that he would have a chance to own the company one day. Two years later, at the age of 22, he purchased Superior Alarm.

Twenty-three years later Bruce is now the Mayor of Grand Junction. Utilizing his past experience as a customer service representative and the owner of Superior Alarm, he has been a true people's representative. Bruce makes himself available to the people of Grand Junction as much as possible. Holding informal gatherings, he takes a keen interest in listening to each individual's issue, and then uses his knowledge and influence to achieve a resolution. Using this style, Bruce has made a significant impact, despite his short four months in office.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Bruce Hill for his ongoing contributions to the people and city of Grand Junction, and the State of Colorado. His leadership as Mayor is an example to all public servants, and it is with

great pleasure that I recognize him today before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thanks, Bruce, for everything, and I hope you can serve this community for many years to come.

HONORING THE LATE REVEREND VICTORIANO F. SANDOVAL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to the late Reverend Victoriano F. Sandoval. It is with great respect that I pay tribute to Padre Sandoval, who is being honored, In Memoriam, by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County, Inc., as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

Padre Victoriano Fernandez Sandoval was born on December 24, 1933 in the town of Fuentes de los Oteros, in the Castilla Province, Spain. He studied in the Seminary of "los Padres Agustinos" in the Castilla Province. He was ordained as a priest on July 12, 1958.

He worked as a priest for 16 years in Brazil as the Director of the College and Seminary of Braganca Paulista, Sao Paulo. Shortly thereafter, he was the Director of the Educational Faculty at Catholic University and the College of San Agustin in Goiania.

In the United States he worked for 21 years at the Church of the Holy Redemption, Mount Holly, NJ and at Saint John the Baptist Church in Long Branch for 4 years. He served as the Chaplain for Hispanics at the federal prison in Fort Dix and Mid-State Correctional facility. There he ensured that all Hispanic inmates' rights were observed. He made it possible for them to celebrate Christmas with a dinner every year. His rectory door was always open for anyone in need.

Additionally, Padre Sandoval served as the Spiritual Director for marriage retreats in the northeast U.S.A. He also worked with Hispanics at marital retreats in Canada, Puerto Rico, Brazil, and Mexico.

Lamentably, Padre Sandoval died suddenly on June 20, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to Padre Victoriano Fernandez Sandoval, as the Latino American Association of Monmouth County honors him, In Memoriam, for his unfaltering dedication and commitment to the advancement of Latinos.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY GRILLO

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Mary Grillo, the Secretary-Treasurer of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 2028 who is being honored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice for

her many years of dedicated service in advocating for worker justice and dignity for employees in work places throughout San Diego County.

Mary started out as a Wellesley College student intern for SEIU in Boston and at an early age saw firsthand the injustice that many workers face. After several years of work with the International Union, Mary came to work as an organizer in San Diego in 1987. At the time, SEIU Local 102 was a 1,600-member union on decline, but after teaming up with Eliseo Medina, Mary helped to transform Local 102 into the second largest union and one of the most powerfully political unions in San Diego County: SEIU, Local 2028.

Since 1996, Mary has served as executive Director of SEIU Local 2028, representing over 14,000 workers in many different jobs—ranging from janitor to librarian, racetrack program seller to registered nurse, housekeeper to code enforcement officer. In addition, she has acted as spokesperson for not only the workers she represents, but also for all working people in San Diego County.

Mary has led the effort to increase wages and benefits for immigrant and low-wage workers, has worked to expand health care coverage to the County's 650,000 uninsured workers, and has helped to create good jobs in the region.

In local 2028, Mary has worked tirelessly to bring together this large and diverse organization based on the principle of justice for all. And as an important mark of all leaders, Mary has found and developed many leaders who lead their co-workers in organizing and building economic strength in their industries.

Congratulations to Mary Grillo for her work in fighting for justice for the workers of San Diego County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of October 6, 2004, I was unable to make two votes. I regret missing them and had I been present, I would have voted: vote No. 497, on passage—H.R. 5107, "yea"; vote No. 498, on agreeing to the Conference Report—H.R. 4850, "yea."

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH HENRY (JOEY) ZORN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday the life of the late Sheriff Joey Zorn of Barnwell County, South Carolina, was celebrated at a funeral service attended by hundreds of appreciative friends conducted by Dr. Steve Burnette, Dr. Ken Catoe, Rev. Scott Brown, Rev. John Nixon, Rev. Billy Mew, Rev. Eddie Jenkins, Rev. Wilbur Creech, and Rev. Farrell Ray.

In his last month he received the state's highest honor of the Order of the Palmetto in-

spired by the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Mary Cothran of Williston, South Carolina, along with South Carolina State Senator Jake Knotts. In addition to being a champion of law enforcement, he was the first Republican Sheriff ever elected in Barnwell County. The following obituary is from The State newspaper, published October 1, 2004.

JOSEPH HENRY (JOEY) ZORN III

BARNWELL.—Joseph H. (Joey) Zorn III, 49, Sheriff of Barnwell County, died Wednesday, September 29, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Barnwell, S.C., he was the son of Joseph H. Zorn Jr. and Cleo Renew Zorn. He graduated from Barnwell High School and the University of South Carolina with a degree in Criminal Justice, and was a graduate of 70 advanced law enforcement courses. He served as a Special U.S. Deputy Marshal, on the Board of Directors of the Barnwell Co. Helpline, on the Board of Directors of the S.C. Sheriff's Association, president of the Ellenton Agriculture Club.

He was a member and deacon of Friendship Baptist Church, Gideon International, Harmony Masonic Lodge #17, Barnwell Rotary Club, Ellenton Agriculture Club, S.C. Sheriff's Association and Barnwell County TAG Enforcement Association. He had over 30 years of law enforcement experience, was active in the youth baseball program and was voted Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year 2002. He was selected S.C. American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2004, and Rotarian of the Year 2004. On September 8, 2004, he was presented the Order of the Palmetto by Gov. Mark Sanford.

In 1988 Joey was elected Sheriff of Barnwell County, and this year ran unopposed for his fifth term. Some of his accomplishments are: expanded sheriff's office staff, started the 24 hour patrol, obtained grants that saved taxpayers over 2.8 million dollars, instituted the anti-drug DARE program which graduated over 4,000 5th grade students, was the first sheriff in S.C. to complete DARE school and teach DARE in the schools, placed Resource Officers in all Barnwell County schools, installed an advanced communications system, established an on-going training program for department personnel, established the Reserve Deputy program, the Chaplaincy program, Sheriff's emergency Response Team and a bloodhound tracking team.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 2, 2004, in the Barnwell First Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 200 Jefferson St., Barnwell, SC 29812, Gideon International, P.O. Box 86, Williston, SC 29853 or the Connie Maxwell Children's Home, P.O. Box 1178, Greenwood, SC 29640.

Survivors include: His wife, Pamela Delk Zorn of Barnwell, SC; his parents, Joe and Cleo Zorn of Barnwell, SC; daughter, Jessica Zorn of Barnwell, SC; sons, Josh, Rodney and Russell Zorn of Barnwell, SC; sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Tommy Tyner of Abbeville, SC; mother and father-in-law, Jimmy and Faye Delk of Beech Island, SC; sister-in-law, Theresa Delk of Wrens, GA; four nieces.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN ATTARDO

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of John Attardo, a dedicated firefighter from my home State of Colorado who lost his life serving his fellow citizens. As the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation honors these brave men, it is important for us to remember those dedicated firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow Americans.

I know that those who seek the true meaning of duty, honor, and sacrifice will find it in dedicated servants like John Attardo. He was a loving husband and with a huge heart and I know that his wife Tina, his family and his friends take pride in the uniform he wore and the ideals for which he worked. Our Nation will long endure due to the strength and character of the men and women like John who serve our country.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express my deep sense of gratitude for the sacrifice of these young firefighters and their families. Throughout our history, men and women in uniform have performed their duties with distinction and courage. These brave firefighters have made all Americans proud and I know they have the respect and admiration of all of my colleagues here today.

RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVE JUAN H. VASQUEZ

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to Detective Juan H. Vasquez, a distinguished gentleman from my district, who is being honored by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County, Inc., as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

A life long resident of Long Branch, Juan was born at Monmouth Medical Center on November of 1969. In June of 1988, he graduated from Long Branch High School and in September of that same year, began undergraduate studies at Kean College (now Kean University). In January of 1993, Juan graduated from Kean College with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. In April of 1993, he started employment at the Monmouth County Division of Social Services, where he was employed as an Income Maintenance Worker until September of 1997. In October of 1997, he began his law enforcement career when he was hired by the City of Long Branch as a Police Officer. He attended the New Jersey State Police Academy in Sea Girt, NJ, and graduated from the 196th Municipal Class in January of 1998.

After graduating from the Police Academy, he started working in the Patrol Division as a Patrolman. In February of 2000 he was transferred to the Criminal Division of the Detective Bureau where he holds the current title of Detective.

Juan continues to live in Long Branch with his wife of 10 years, Tara, and his two children, Emelie who is 6 years old and Zachary age four.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring and recognizing, Detective Juan H. Vasquez, as the Latino American Association of Monmouth County honors him for his unwavering commitment to the Latino community as well as the Long Branch Police Department.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDA
ARREOLA

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Linda Arreola for being honored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice and worker rights. Linda is the Assistant Director of the Office for Social Ministry in the Catholic Diocese of San Diego. In this office, she assists the direction and coordination of ministries involving issues such as the sanctity of life, immigration, worker justice, human trafficking, political responsibility and advocacy.

Ms. Arreola is a member of the United States Catholic Conference Bishops' Working Group on Human Trafficking. She has also worked in other ministries in the Diocese including the Diocesan Institute for Adult Education and Ministry Formation, Hispanic Affairs and the Office for Hispanic Evangelization. She has been a member of St. Anthony of Padua in National City since 1983, where she served as director of religious education, catechist and youth minister.

Ms. Arreola is a native of San Diego and has lived in National City for 33 years, having graduated from Sweetwater Union High School. She also attended San Diego State University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Arts in French. Linda is also an instructor in the San Diego Diocesan Institute and volunteers as a Puente Project mentor at Southwestern College.

Congratulations to Ms. Linda Arreola for her commitment in working to make our community a better place.

TRIBUTE TO MR. THADDEUS
ROBERT STEBBINS

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend to the House for its edification a recent event of note, that on the 3rd of September of this year, in Exeter, New Hampshire, Thaddeus Robert Stebbins celebrated his 17th birthday.

Although still in the formative period of his life's journey, Mr. Stebbins has already demonstrated remarkable abilities across a broad range of endeavor, from academics and music to sports and debate. These preternatural accomplishments must command our attention

and admiration. But even more noteworthy are the maturity of thought and manner already manifest and the generosity of spirit evidenced by the unhesitating respect granted others.

The birthday was celebrated quietly at the Phillips Exeter Academy where Mr. Stebbins is currently enrolled in his Upper year and where he is manfully displaying talents and capacities notable even at that prestigious institution. Although they were not physically in attendance on that day, Mr. Stebbins was very much in the thoughts of his proud parents and sisters, of his godfather, and of his many admiring friends.

I cannot speak to Mr. Stebbins' religious beliefs, but I have no doubt that the Almighty has prepared great things for him and ever watches over him. And that he has entertained angels, unaware.

Mr. Speaker, Wordsworth wrote that "the Child is the father of the Man". We will be fortunate indeed to know the Man he will become.

HONORING HARVEY L. GOLDEN'S
50 YEARS OF PRACTICING LAW

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the works of one of South Carolina's outstanding legal minds, Harvey L. Golden, who celebrates 50 years of practicing family law this month. I am proud to call Harvey a good friend, a fellow member of the Bar of South Carolina, and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring his lifetime of hard work and service in the law profession. I ask that the following information on Harvey's life and achievements be added into the official record.

Harvey Laurance Golden was born in Brooklyn, New York, October 15, 1929, the only child of Gertrude Dribbon Golden who had, come to this Country from Manchester, England, and Irvin (Jack) Golden who was born in New York. When Harvey was four years old, his mother, father and he moved from Brooklyn to Hartford, Connecticut, where his father spent World War II working at the Colt Firearms factory and, subsequently, became a supervisor in Pratt and Whitney Aircraft factory. In Hartford, his mother became a buyer for Brown and Thompson Department Store. In Hartford, Harvey attended the Vine Street School and subsequently Jones Jr. High School. Whereupon the family moved to Columbia, South Carolina, after a brief summer in Augusta, Georgia. In Columbia, he attended Columbia High School and became Business Manager of the school newspaper, "High Life" and became active in the high school debate team. Harvey was also active in the drama club and chorus.

While in Columbia, Harvey and some of his best friends joined the S.C. Air National Guard in 1948 and when the Korean war began, he turned down a college deferment when his S.C. Guard unit was federalized. The South Carolina Guard was the first guard unit in the country to be nationalized and he was the first guardsman in Korea and one month later was promoted to Sergeant. He spent two years as a Weapons Specialist in charge of the 157th Fighter Bomber Squadron Armament, including napalm, bombs, rockets, machine guns and small

arms. This work was accomplished on F-51 aircraft that had already been sent to the war zone and had SCANG scrubbed from the side of the planes. These were the same aircraft on which Sgt. Golden had been working back at Congaree Air Base in Columbia. Upon returning to Columbia he was hospitalized in the Columbia VA Hospital for three months and released.

Whereupon, he approached Dean Sam Prince of the USC Law School requesting special dispensation to be allowed to attend law school without vacation and thus be able to graduate in two years rather than three or two and a half. The Dean grudgingly allowed him to become the first student to petition the law school to enter and while in law school he was awarded membership in Wig and Robe Honor Society, having begun in September 1952 and finished in September, 1954 with only one grade below a B. He was also elected by the faculty and editorial board as Editor-in-Chief of the South Carolina Law Review. He had already been elected president of his fraternity. After graduation, he had become very active in the University Theatre and had played many roles there as well as in Town Theatre and later he founded the Workshop Theatre and Columbia City Ballet as he began the practice of law. After law school, he practiced with Edens and Woodward and then Isadore Lourie, the late legendary State Senator, joined him as Golden and Lourie for the next four years.

On July 15, 1962, he married Heide Engelhart and they are the proud parents of three children and two grand children.

HARVEY L. GOLDEN

Trial Attorney in South Carolina for 50 continuous years with primary statewide practice in Family Law. Currently:

Recipient, American Bar Association, Lifetime Achievement Award—August, 2001;

Recipient, South Carolina Bar Association first Family Law Public Service Award—June, 1994;

Member, ABA House of Delegates (1990-2000) and its Nominating Committee (1996-1998);

Officer, Council Member, ABA Family Law Section (1984-2000);

Certified Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and member of its National Board of Governors;

Founding Fellow, (U.S. Chapter) International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers;

Diplomate, American College of Family Trial Lawyers (1989-);

Advocate, American Board of Trial Advocates;

Listed in "Best Lawyers in America" all five editions 1983-99.

Listed as one of the best forty-three Family Court Lawyers in the United States by National Law Journal, November 16, 1987;

Contributor to "Fair Share", "Matrimonial Strategist", "Trial" and "Family Advocate" National legal publications;

Author, S.C. Pre-Nuptial Agreement Statute;

Co-Author, S.C. Equitable Apportionment Act;

Co-Author: "Divorce", 13 S.C. Jurisprudence 63, 1992, and "Adultery and Fornication", 3 S.C. Jurisprudence 1, 1991;

Chairman, AAML Inter-Disciplinary Mental Health Committee;

Former Treasurer, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (1990-1991);

Former National Chairman of American Bar Association Family Law Section 1987-1988) and Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair Elect (1984-1987);

Former President, South Carolina Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (4 Years)

Past Member, Nominating Committee, American Bar Association Conference of Section Chairmen;

Past Member, American Bar Association Law School Accreditation Team (1988). Formerly Contributing Editor on Family Law for the South Carolina Educational Television Network;

Member, South Carolina Bar Judicial Modernization Committee. Formerly one of five original appointees by the S.C. Supreme Court on Family Law Specialization Advisory Board;

Former Chairman of the Family Law Section of the S.C. Bar.

Former Chairman of the S.C. Trial Lawyers Family Law Section. Program Participant, "Negotiations" American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1983;

Producer-Moderator of the First Family law CLE program in South Carolina (1975) at the request of the SC Supreme Court;

Former member, Long Range Planning Committee and Scope and Correlation Committee, ABA Family Law Section;

Former Public Information Representative, ABA Family Law Section;

Frequent Family Law Faculty at: ABA National Institutes, Annual and mid-winter conventions and S.C. Mandatory Judicial C.L.E. programs. Frequent Lecturer on Family Law at USC College of Law, USC College of General Studies, Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, CLE program speaker in: Atlanta, Connecticut, D.C., Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin Bar Association programs. Past Chairman of the Paternity Committee of the ABA, Family Law Section (1978-1981).

Recipient of the 1978 "Certificate of Outstanding Contribution" of ABA Family Law Section;

Participant, with Lawrence Stotter, Esq., in the "Great Custody Debate of 1980" presented by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, Illinois;

Former Special Judge appointee in Richland County, S.C. Juvenile-Domestic Relations Courts, County Civil Jury Courts, County Criminal Jury Courts (1965-1975);

Elected to the Debate Hall of Fame, University of South Carolina (1977);

Former Editor in Chief, S.C. Law Quarterly (1954);

Elected to Order of Wig and Robe. Legal Scholarship Society (1954);

Former Drama Critic, the State Newspaper, Columbia, South Carolina (1983-1987);

Past President, Congregation Beth Shalom, Columbia, S.C. (Two terms);

Co-Founder and Director, Workshop Theatre of South Carolina (1965-1981);

Co-Founder of Columbia City Ballet Company, Columbia, South Carolina (1962), Board of Directors (1962-1988).

U.S. Air Force Korean Combat Zone (1950-1952).

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARGRET MERGELMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Margret Mergelman, a dedicated leader and 4-H activist from Gunnison, Colorado. For over sixty-four years, Margret has volunteered to better her community, and I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation today to recognize her service.

Margret earned her elementary education degree in 1943 from Western State College

and that same year married Warren Mergelman, whose family has ranched the Gunnison area for generations. Margret accompanied her husband on the long cattle drives for local area ranchers. After the couple started a family she focused her attention on homemaking skills, especially cooking. When the kids became active in 4-H, she started a cooking club, in addition to sewing, gardening, and square-dancing clubs. She herself was a 4-H leader for ten years. Margret's cooking is legendary and her open-house lunch after the Cattlemen's Days parade has drawn more than one hundred people in the past. Today Margret is still active in the rural community, donating cash gifts to the local 4-H and annually sponsoring the Mergelman Family Award to competitors of the Round Robin Showmanship. She has also been a member of the Eastern Star for sixty-two years.

Mr. Speaker, Margret Mergelman, is a dedicated individual who devotes her free time to aiding members of her Gunnison community and works to preserve Colorado's western style and heritage. Her level of enthusiasm and commitment is commendable and I am honored to stand here before this body and recognize the efforts of such a selfless and benevolent woman. Thanks for all your service Margret, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR REBECCA AARONSON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a constituent in the 6th District of New Jersey. It is with great pleasure that I introduce my friend, the Honorable Rebecca Aaronson, Deputy Mayor of Manalapan, N.J., who is being honored by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

Rebecca Aaronson was born in Laredo, Texas to Mexican parents. Her father was born in Monterrey, Mexico and her mother was born in Mexico City, D.F. She grew up in El Paso, Texas and attended the University of Texas at El Paso for one year. Rebecca met and married Richard Aaronson in 1972. She is the proud mother of two sons, Scott, 27 years old, who recently married Julie, and Glenn, 22 years old, a senior at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut.

Rebecca returned to school and graduated from Brookdale Community College in 1997 with an Associates Degree in Humanities. She volunteered at the Women's Center of Monmouth County (now 180) in the shelter program for victims of domestic violence. She became involved with the community because she always felt that no one has the right to complain if they are not willing to do something about it. She was concerned with the over-development of her town, Manalapan, and felt that the builders, not the Planning Board, were making all of the decisions.

In 2002, she was elected Mayor of Manalapan Township. Presently, she is in her second term and serves as Deputy Mayor. In 2001 she was the Democratic candidate for

Monmouth County Freeholder. Presently she serves as the Vice Chair of Monmouth County Democrats.

She believes that she and her colleagues have made a difference in Manalapan. Her philosophy has always been that we are all obligated to leave our mark somehow and politics has given her the opportunity to do so. She carries that philosophy to her personal life and is always seeking a way of making a difference in people's lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring and recognizing Deputy Mayor Rebecca Aaronson, as the Latino American Association of Monmouth County honors her for her unfaltering dedication to the Latino community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RABBI LEVIN

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to take the time to recognize Rabbi Moshe Levin, the spiritual leader of Congregation Ner Tamid in the Sunset, San Francisco. Rabbi Levin is being honored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice for his contributions to worker justice and worker rights.

Rabbi Levin came from San Francisco to San Diego, where he served as the Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth El in La Jolla for 15 years. Two years ago, he was named Rabbi Emeritus of that prestigious congregation, and began commuting to San Francisco to serve the people of Ner Tamid.

Rabbi Levin was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the central pillar of Conservative Judaism in the United States. He served as an Air Force chaplain for the first 2 years of his rabbinical career, and was stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. His pulpit experience spanned 30 years, including 2 years on the Island of Curacao in the Dutch West Indies.

Rabbi Levin was born in Brooklyn, NY, graduated from Brooklyn College and spent 2 years at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, majoring in economics and philosophy, and studying the Bible with the famed Nehama Leibowitz and archeology with Yigal Yadin. At the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Levin was privileged to study with such giants of the last century as Abraham Joshua Heschel and Chancellor Louis Finkelstein.

Over the course of his career, Rabbi Moshe Levin has been active in Zionist causes, social action projects, interfaith activities, as well as furthering the creative continuity of American Jewish life. He is a founding member of the Palestinian-Jewish Dialogue of San Diego, which has been featured in the Christian Science Monitor, and has served on numerous boards, most recently the American Jewish Committee and the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice. In 1992, he was named Civil Libertarian of the Year by the San Diego and Imperial Chapters of the ACLU.

Rabbi Levin's writings include: the Ethical Orgins of Kashrut, Near- Eastern Birthrights and the Eassau Jacob Narrative, Sexuality in Jewish Law and Tradition, and the Rabbinate for the 21st Century. It is a privilege to honor Rabbi Moshe Levin.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANDREW
GULLIFORD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Andrew Gulliford, the Director of the Center for Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College in Grand Junction. Andrew has dedicated his life to preserving Western heritage and culture and I am honored to stand here today with my colleagues before this body of Congress and this Nation and recognize his accomplishments.

Andrew grew up in Southwest, Colorado attending high school in the town of Lamar. He earned his bachelor's degree in American history and master's degree in teaching at Colorado College. Andrew applied his new knowledge as a fourth grade teacher in Silt, Colorado where he also taught American History at the Rifle branch of Colorado Mountain College before going on to complete his doctorate in American Culture and history at Bowling Green University in Ohio. After teaching, Andrew served as the Director of the Western New Mexico University Museum where he arranged for several donations of Navajo weavings, Mimbres pottery, Southwest art, and Hispano Folk Art.

Andrew did not abandon teaching completely and returned to be a professor and director of the Public History and Historic Preservation Program at Middle Tennessee State University for 10 years where he directed one of the oldest and largest public history and historic preservation graduate programs in the Nation. In 2001, Andrew was selected by Fort Lewis College to become their Director of the Center for Southwest Studies where his national reputation as a scholar, a public historian and developer and manager of several academic centers have contributed to the shining success of the center in Fort Lewis. Andrew is also an accomplished author and photographer and he is supported by his wife Stephanie Moran, and their two children Tristan and Duncan.

Mr. Speaker, Andrew Gulliford is a dedicated scholar, and it is through his many hours of devotion that we are able to have such a vivid picture of Western history and culture in Colorado and I am honored to recognize his efforts before this body of Congress. Andrew, thanks for all your hard work and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF MARIA ANN
CRESPO-RODRIGUEZ

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to Mrs. Maria Ann Crespo-Rodriguez, who is being honored by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County, Inc., as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

Maria was born at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch and raised in Red Bank,

NJ, where she attended the Red Bank Public School System, and graduated from Red Bank High School in 1974. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education/Spanish from Monmouth College, and received a Masters degree in ESL from Kean College.

Maria has been teaching in the Long Branch Middle School for the last 26 years. During that time, her energy and enthusiasm have manifested themselves both in and out of the classroom, where she became involved in a number of volunteer agencies and services. She has been a board member of Hispanic Affairs and Resource Center of Monmouth County, spent 5 years as a tutor in Stay Smart University helping children in a pediatric ward, many of whom were terminally ill. She was a member of the Pearl Chaney Memorial Scholarship Fund for 10 years, as well as a member of the Long Branch School District's Puerto Rican Disaster Relief Fund, President of the S.T.P.O. of Elberon School (1997–1998), and a speaker at the National School Board Association in 1997, 2003, and 2004. As the co-founder of the B.B.I.P., which started as the Bilingual/Bicultural Intervention Program, later changed to Basic Belief in All People, she has helped hundreds of students with academic as well as behavioral problems to succeed.

Maria has been awarded Teacher of the Month in the Long Branch Middle School two times, once in 1992 and again in 2003. She was District Teacher of the Month in 2003, and was nominated for the Long Branch Middle School Teacher of the Year.

For her service as co-founder of BBIP and its co-moderator over the last 12 years, she served in the roles of teacher, mentor, friend, counselor and surrogate mother, she earned many justly deserved awards. She received recognition from HARC's youth organization, "Almas Latinos". She is the recipient of the NJ State Department of Education P.R.I.D.E. Model Program Award (BBIP), the PRIDE pin for Programs of Inclusion, and is an Equity Hall of Fame Member, NJ State Department's "Best Practices" award. In 1996, she was recognized as a Hall of Fame Member of the "A+ for Kids" Teachers Network, and presented the award on a television show on WWOR, Channel 9 by Jerry Orbach (Law and Order). She has been recognized for the program by Governor Christine Todd Whitman as well as movie actor, Edward James Olmos, and most recently was featured in an Asbury Park Press "School Scene" article (February 27, 2003) entitled "School program offers students a little nudge."

Maria resides in Tinton Falls with her husband, Carlos, and two children, Roberto and Gabriella.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring and recognizing, Mrs. Crespo-Rodriguez, as the Latino American Association of Monmouth County honors her for her dedication to the educational advancement of Latinos and her commitment to the Long Branch Public School System.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR
WILLIE E. MANLEY

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Pastor Willie E. Manley of the Greater Life Baptist Church of San Diego, California as he is honored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice for his advocacy for worker rights and worker justice.

He was born in Stephens, Arkansas, and has presided over the Greater Life Baptist Church for over 30 years.

Pastor Manley has contributed to the community by spending several years in the offices of both the City Council and Congressional offices in San Diego. He has ably led the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for several terms. Pastor Manley has served in numerous leadership roles with the Baptist Ministers Union and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. He is a very strong advocate for voter registration and education in his community. On many civic and safety matters, many residents in the San Diego community without fail call on Pastor Manley for answers and solutions.

Pastor Manley was recently honored with the very prestigious Ambassador of Peace Award that is given to an individual that has promoted goodwill among all peoples without respect to one's race, creed, color, religion, or national origin. He has traveled extensively across the United States and around the world promoting spiritual and religious harmony. As part of his worldwide missionary travels, Pastor Manley ministered before large embracing crowds in West and South Africa. Pastor Manley also points to his trip to the Holy Land as the fulfillment of a life-long dream.

A dynamic leader and a willing servant to his community, I am proud to honor Pastor Willie E. Manley and congratulate him for his outstanding work in support of his church, his community, and his country.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TERRI GIRD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Terri Gird, a dedicated public servant who has devoted countless hours of her spare time assisting citizens in the Grand Junction community. Recently, Terri was awarded the 2004 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Grand Junction Safehouse for her work with the Grand Junction Police Department Victim's Advocate program and I am honored to stand here today with my colleagues before this body of Congress and this nation and recognize her accomplishments.

Terri has worked with the Grand Junction Police Department Victim's Advocate program since 2001. During her tenure she has volunteered over 2,000 hours to the program and assisted on over two hundred cases. The vast majority of the cases were domestic violence

victims, in fact Terri was nominated for the award after her extensive work easing the trauma for the family of a high profile domestic violence case where the victim was murdered. She is also a model advocate for both her co-volunteers and the newer members of the program, mentoring them as they begin their training. Additionally Terri also serves on the Community Corrections Board and teaches victim empathy classes at the Mesa County Department of Youth Corrections and the Partner's Program.

Mr. Speaker, Terri Gird is a dedicated volunteer who devotes her spare time to aiding people of her Grand Junction Community in need. She is strong and talented member of the Grand Junction Police Department Victim's Advocate Program and I am honored to recognize her efforts before this body of Congress. Congratulations on your award, Terri, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Miguel Rodriguez, Chief Community Relations Specialist for the Newark Housing Authority. On Thursday, October 7, 2004, friends, co-workers and family members will gather at Nanina's in the Park in Belleville, New Jersey to celebrate his retirement after 39 years of dedicated public service.

Mr. Rodriguez, or Don Mike as he is referred to by friends and colleagues, began his career in public service in the early 1970s when he was appointed Deputy Mayor of the City of Newark, New Jersey by former Mayor Kenneth Gibson, a position he held for sixteen years. In his current position with the Newark Housing Authority, Mr. Rodriguez is respon-

sible for providing information to the community regarding low-income housing options.

An active member of the greater Newark community, Mr. Rodriguez has founded various organizations, including the Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County and the Newark Borinquen Lions Club. Additionally, Mr. Rodriguez has served on the Boards of the Newark Symphony Hall, the Essex County Board of Economic Development, and The Hispanic American Political Forum.

A strong believer in the power of education, Mr. Rodriguez established the Communications Information Marketing Scholarship Award (CIMA), a private, nonprofit organization that supports students from Hispanic and African American families who are pursuing a career in communications, and has provided over \$22,000 in scholarships for minority journalists.

A native of Puerto Rico and a resident of Newark for 44 years, Mr. Rodriguez earned a Bachelor's Degree from Shaw University in North Carolina. He is the proud father to Myra, Michael, Ricardo and Carlos, and the doting grandfather to six wonderful grandchildren.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Miguel Rodriguez as we celebrate his 39 years of public service to the City of Newark and wish him well as he begins a new chapter full of good work and many more contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN DAVANZO, 2004 VOLUNTEER FIRE- FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of the

4th Congressional District to recognize John DaVanzo of Mineola, New York.

I am extremely honored to congratulate Mr. DaVanzo as he was recently named the 2004 National Volunteer Fire Council's Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. Receipt of such an honor is testament to his impressive record of nearly sixty years of dedicated service to the Mineola Fire Department.

John DaVanzo is a man who has spent most of his life to serving the people of Long Island. He began his career with the Mineola Fire Department in 1947, eventually becoming captain. John later became a member of the department's Fire Council and was a delegate to the Southern New York and Nassau County Firemen's Associations.

In addition to his work with the fire department, John served as Deputy Mayor of the Village of Mineola and as a North Hempstead Councilman. For seventeen years, he was North Hempstead's Town Clerk and was honored as the New York State Clerk of the Year for 1986-87. He has also volunteered with worthy organizations like the American Cancer Society, Catholic Charities, and the Boy Scouts of America. In all of the undertakings that he has pursued, John has always been a leader, exhibiting consummate diligence and tireless effort.

Since 1978, the National Volunteer Fire Council has awarded those individuals who have made outstanding achievements in fire service and maintain an exemplary record of community service. This prestigious title is one of only two awards that the Council distributes each year and it is no surprise that John is one of the recipients.

Mr. Davanzo's tireless commitment to service has made a difference in the lives of many. Once again, I would like to offer my congratulations to him on this well-deserved national recognition and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.